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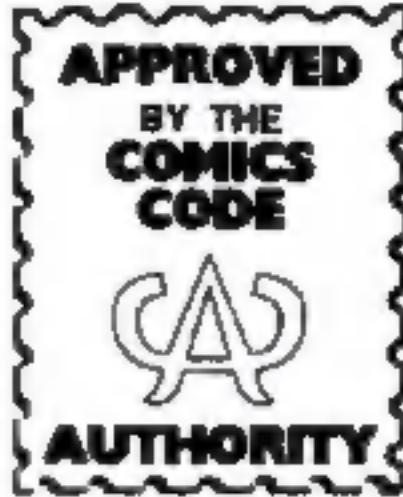
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CHAPTER OF
THE LATEST
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KNUCKLES
FINDS HIMSELF
GETTING USED
TO LIVING IN
THE "AFTERLIFE"



SONIC

THE HEDGEHOG



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WHERE... AM I? FEEL...
DISORIENTED...

ONE VESSEL
ON APPROACH...

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...AND
ANOTHER
ONE LEAVING.
WHY?
SO MANY
QUESTIONS.

WAIT, I
REMEMBER... I AM SHADOW
THE HEDGEHOG.

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"BIO-ENGINEERED NEARLY A CENTURY AGO BY PROFESSOR GERALD AS A WEAPON FOR THE STATION SQUARE GOVERNMENT."

"--THE ULTIMATE LIFE FORM."

"THE ONLY FRIEND I MADE DURING MY BRIEF TIME ABOARD HIS SOPHISTICATED SPACE LAB, THE ARK--"

"--WAS HIS GRANDDAUGHTER MARIA. SHE WAS KIND, BUT THEN--"

ZORCH

"TRAGEDY."

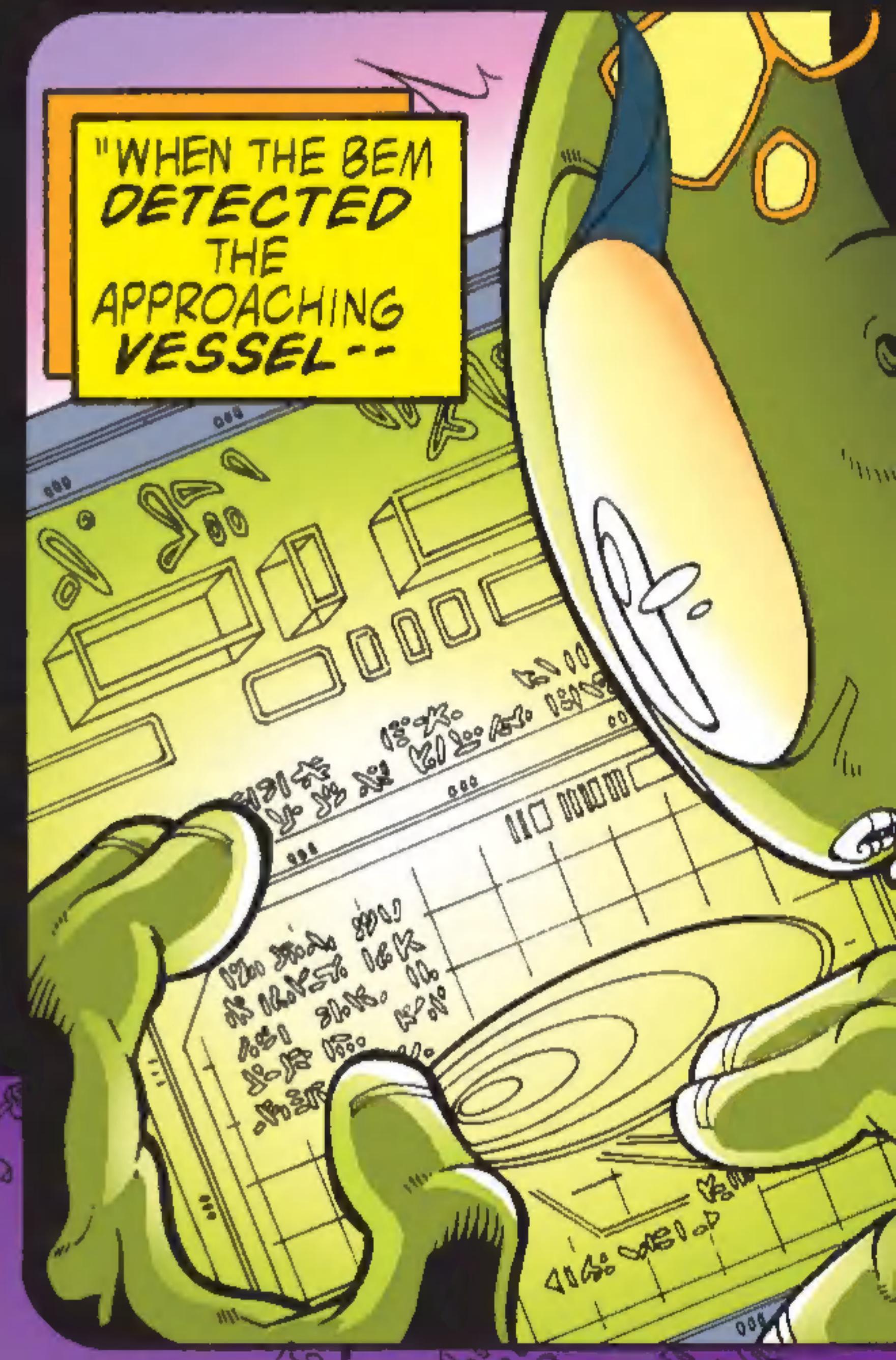
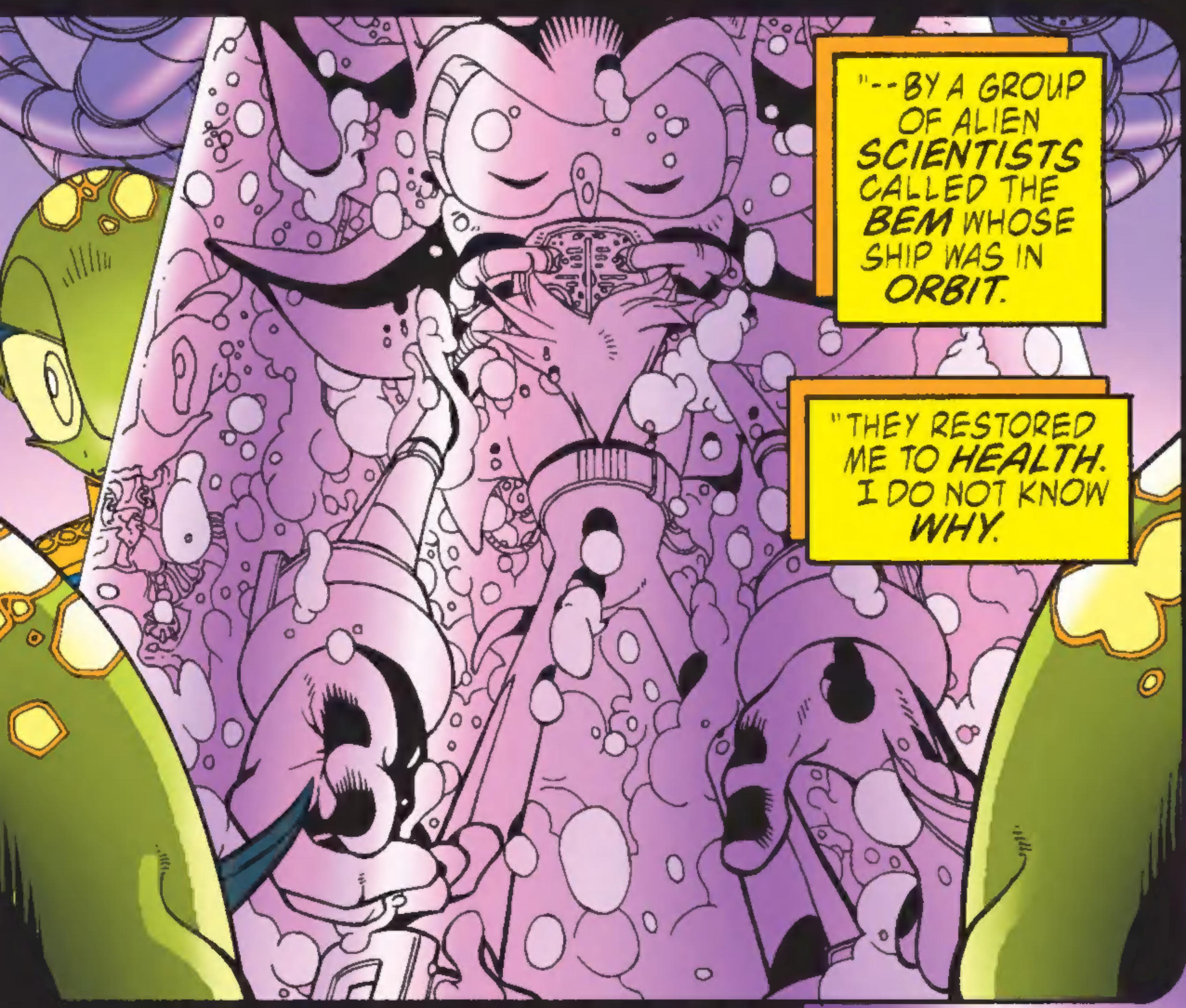
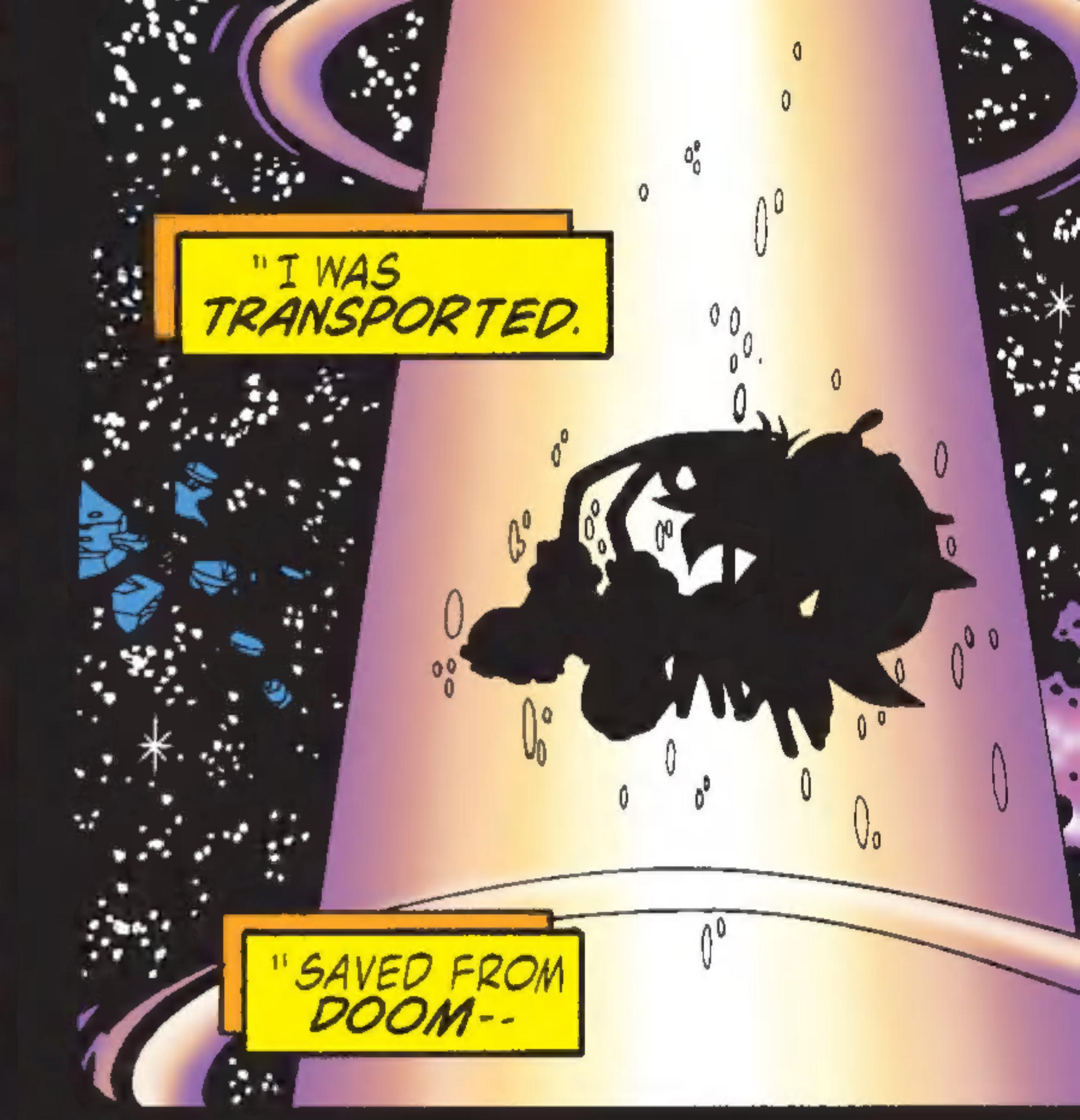
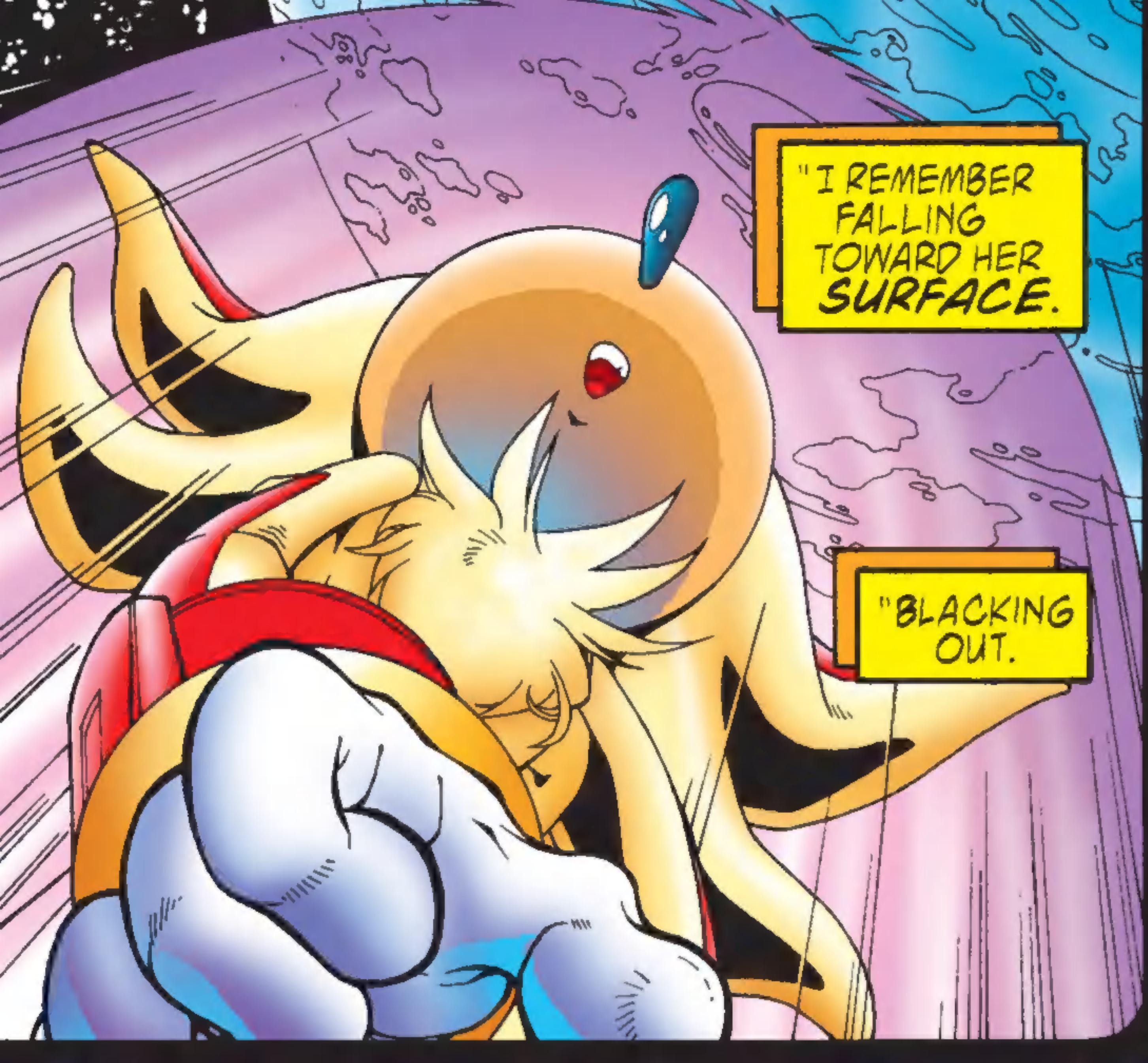
"I WAS LOCKED AWAY IN STASIS--"

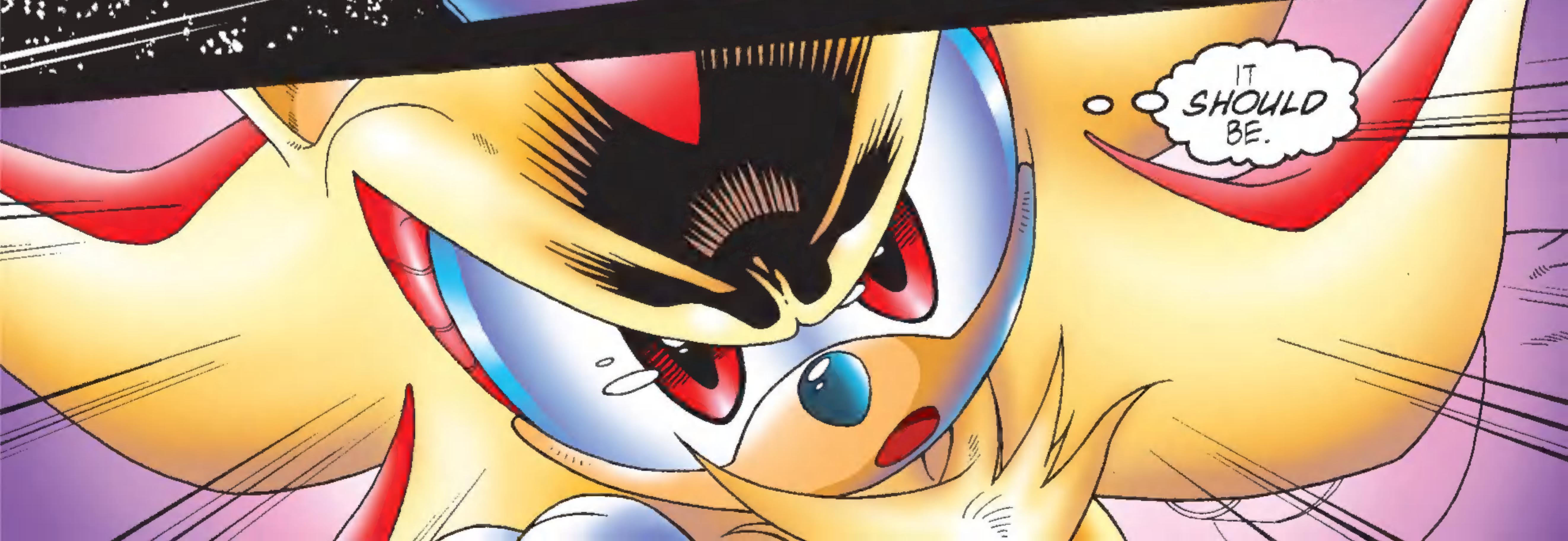
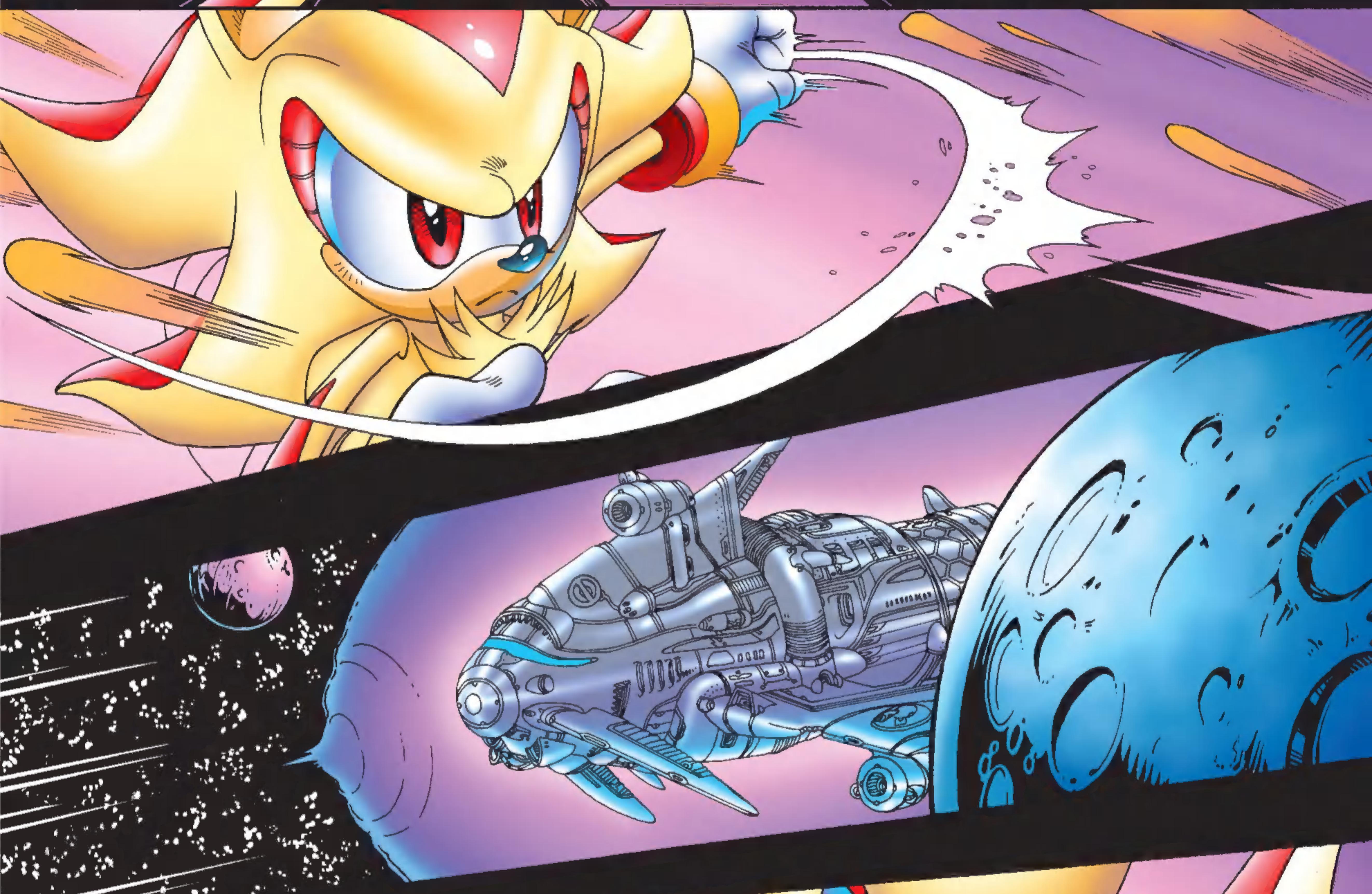
"--UNTIL GERALD'S DESCENDANT, THE EVIL DOCTOR ROBOTNIK, FREED ME AND I BECAME HIS ALLY."

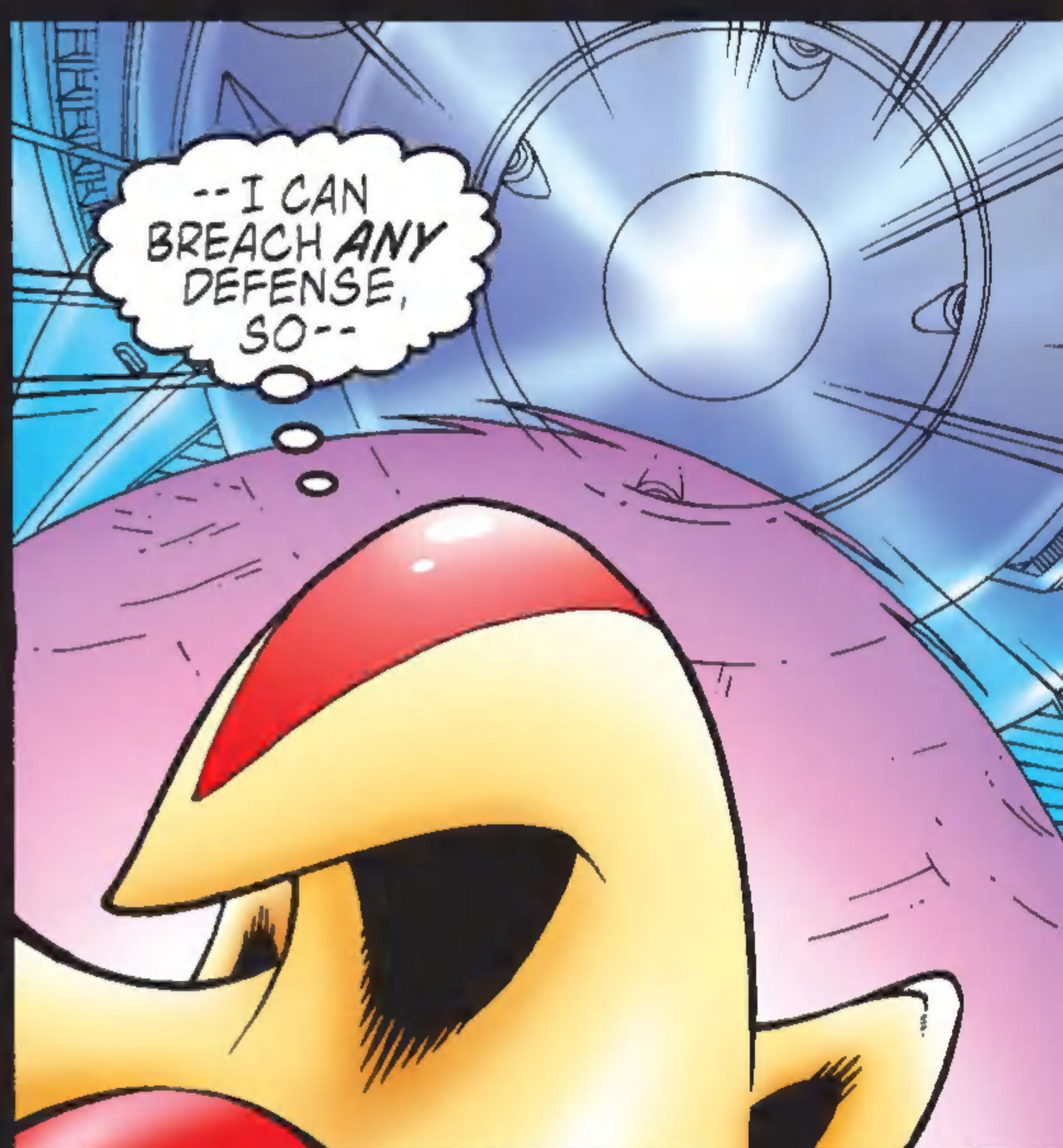
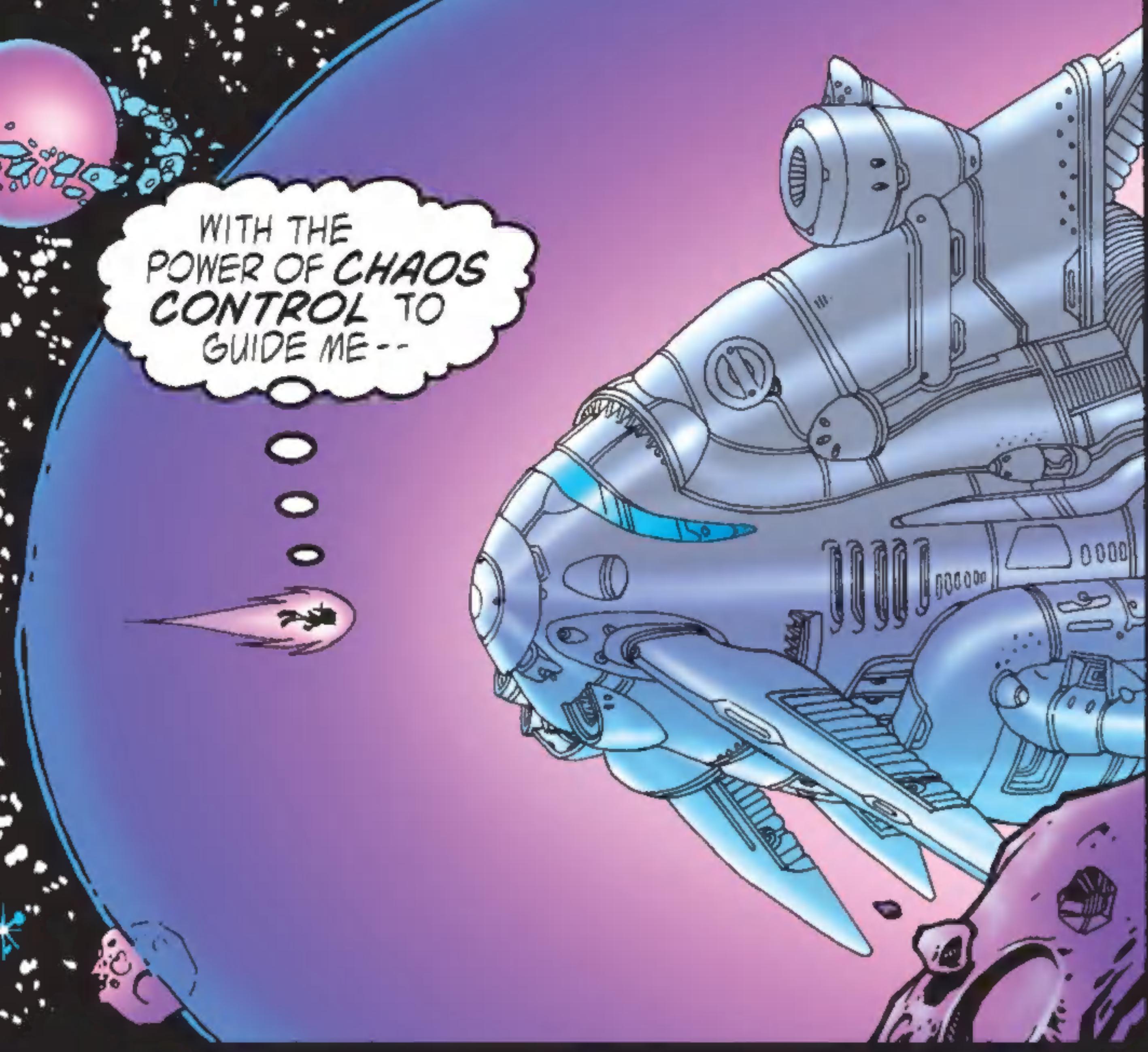
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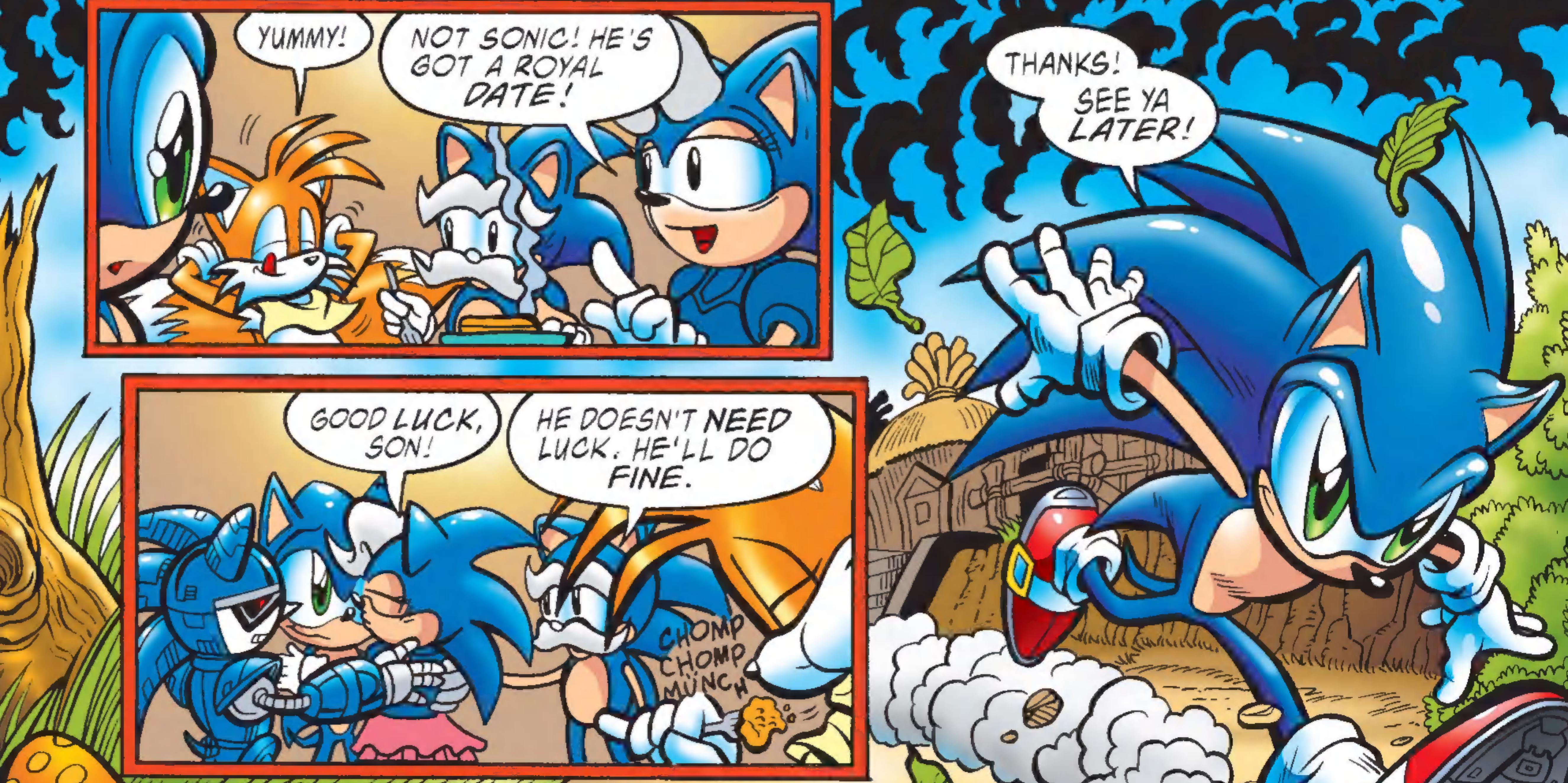
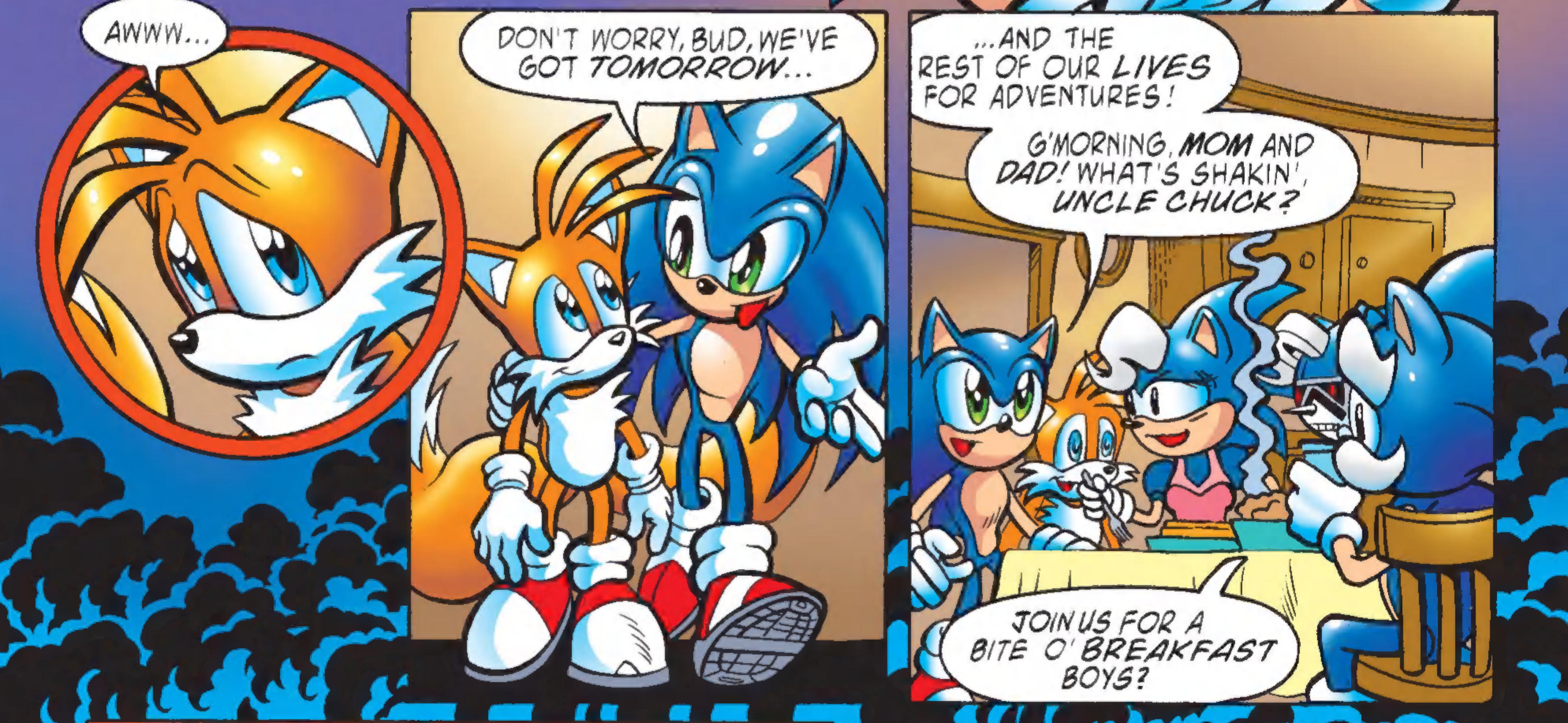
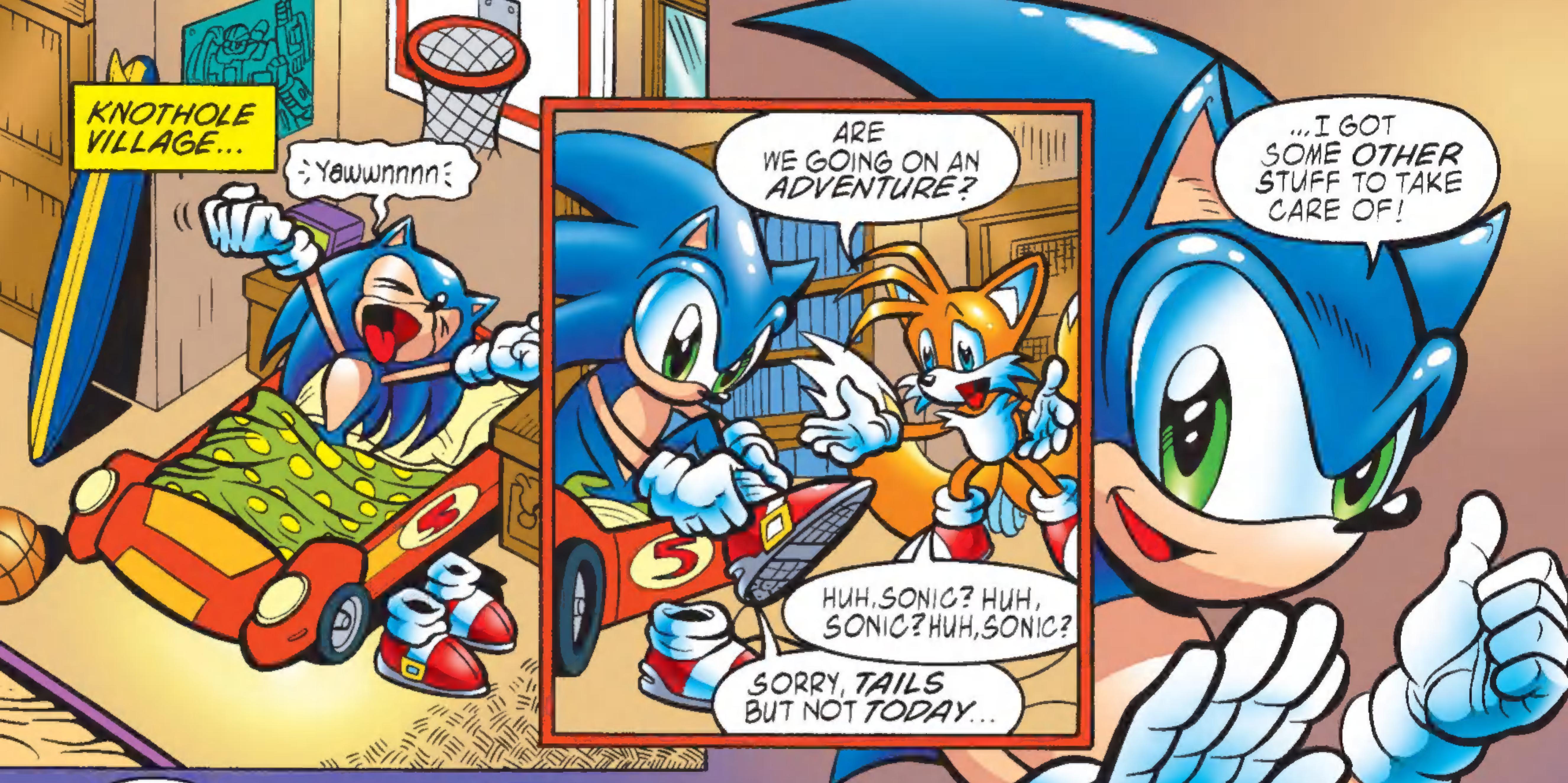
--BUT SONIC THE HEDGEHOG MADE ME SEE THE LIGHT--"

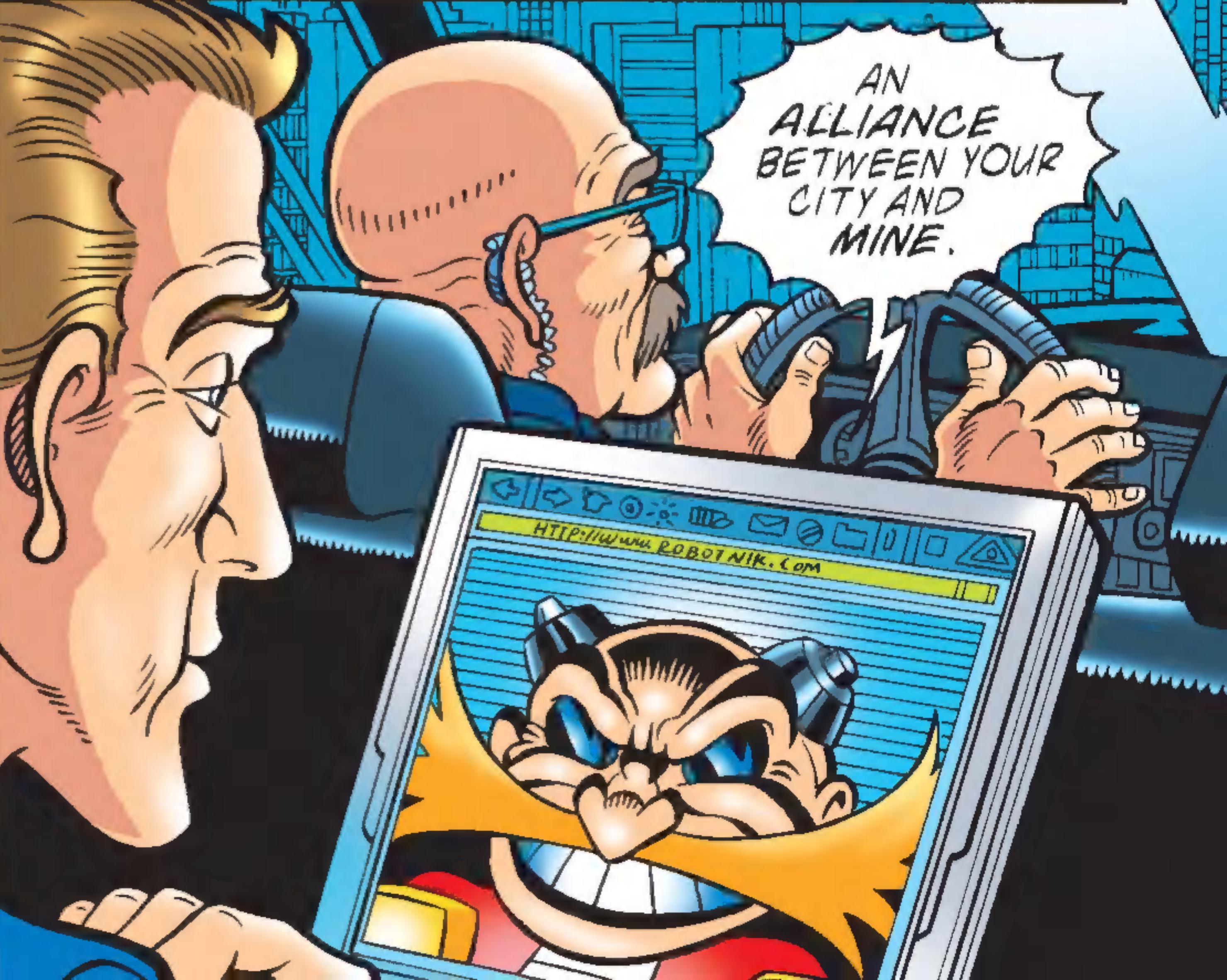
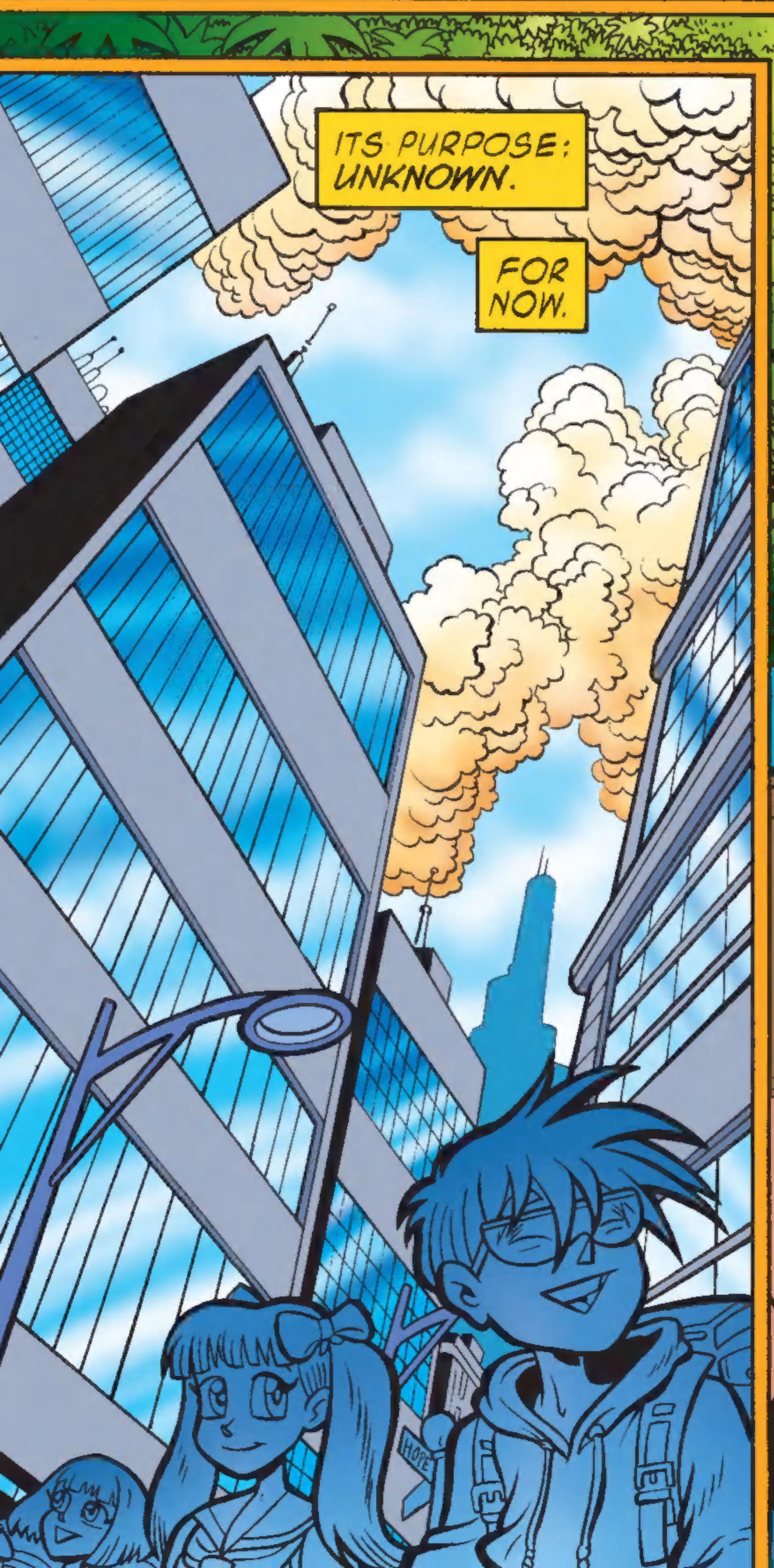
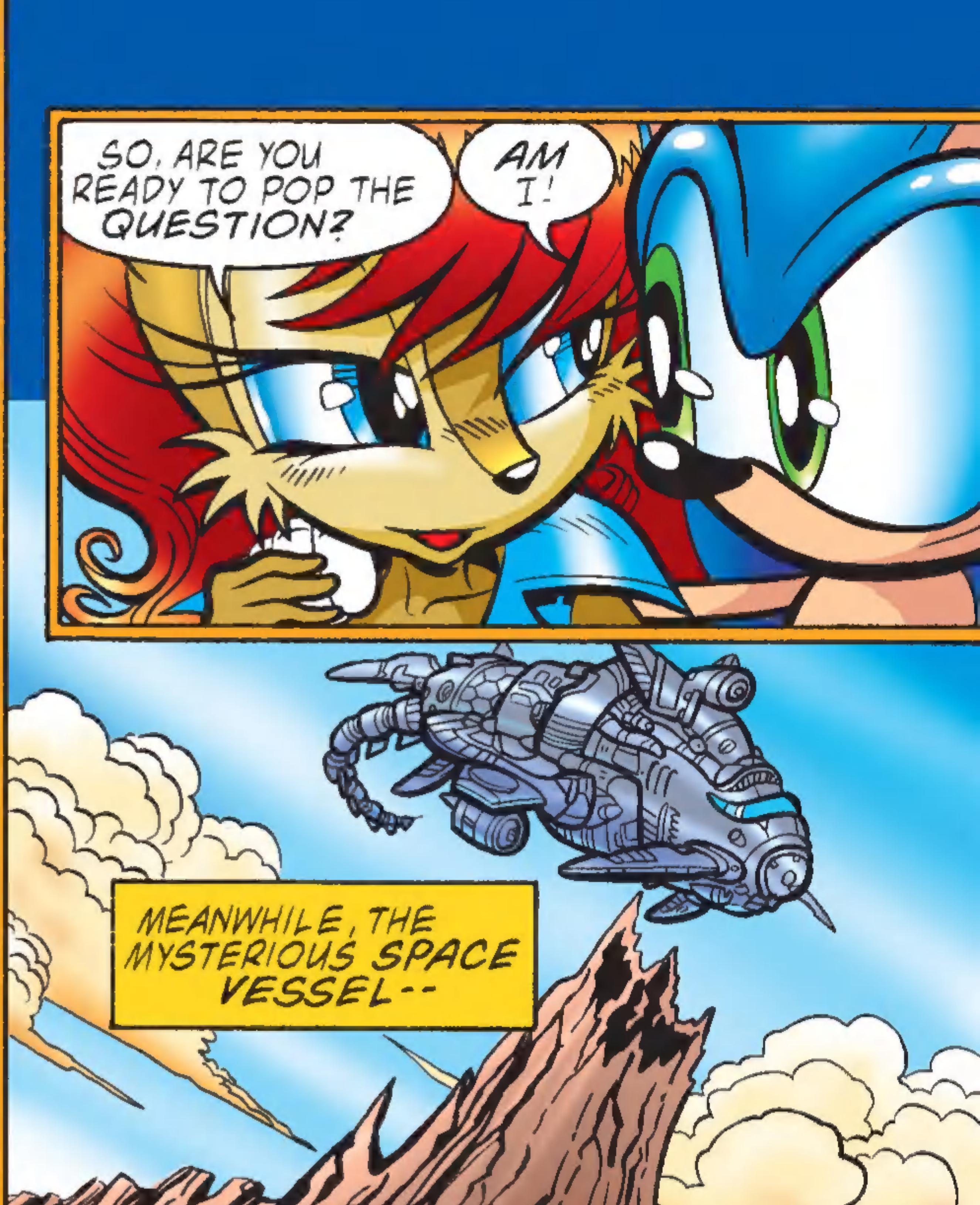
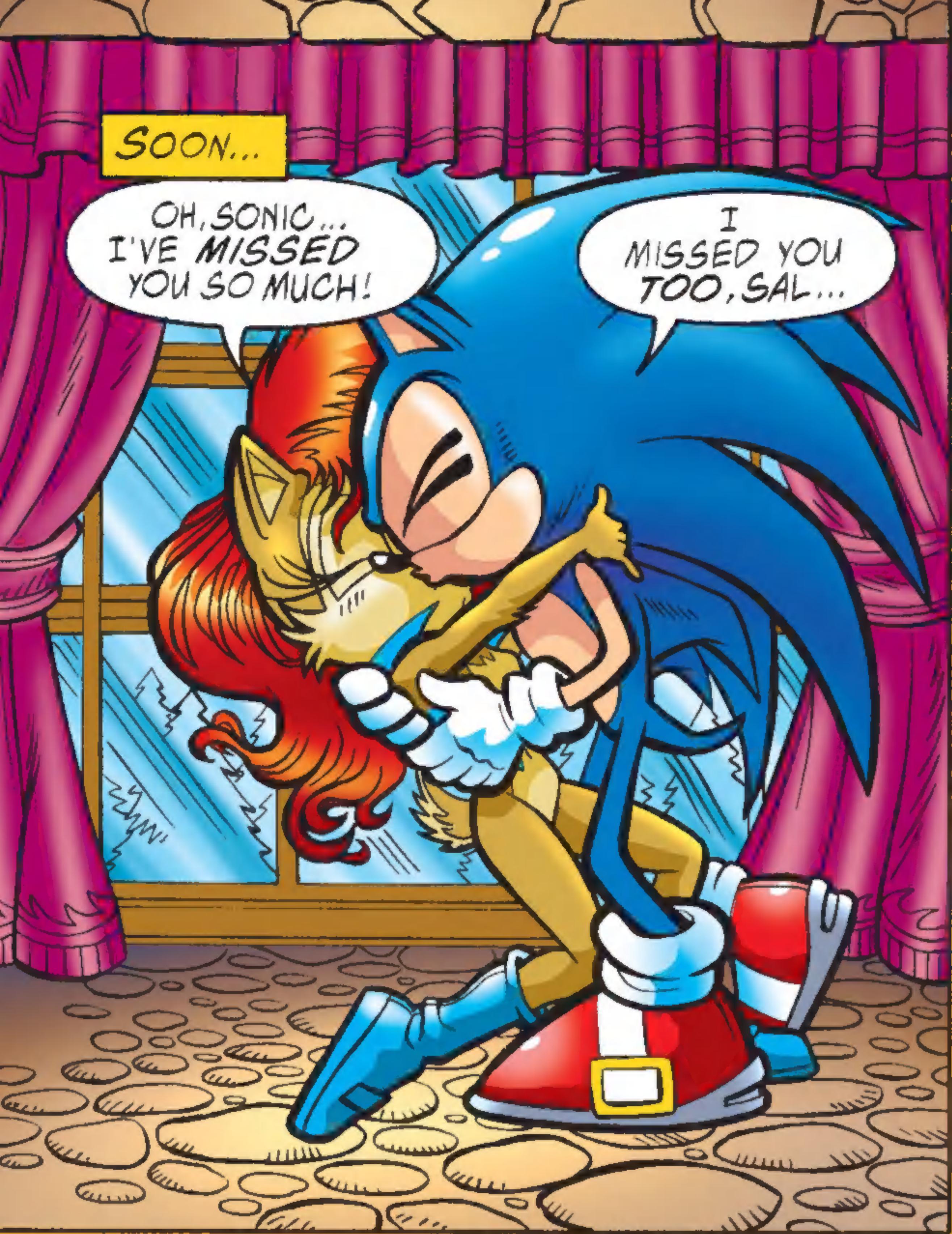
"--AND I MADE THE ULTIMATE SACRIFICE TO SAVE PLANET MOBIUS."

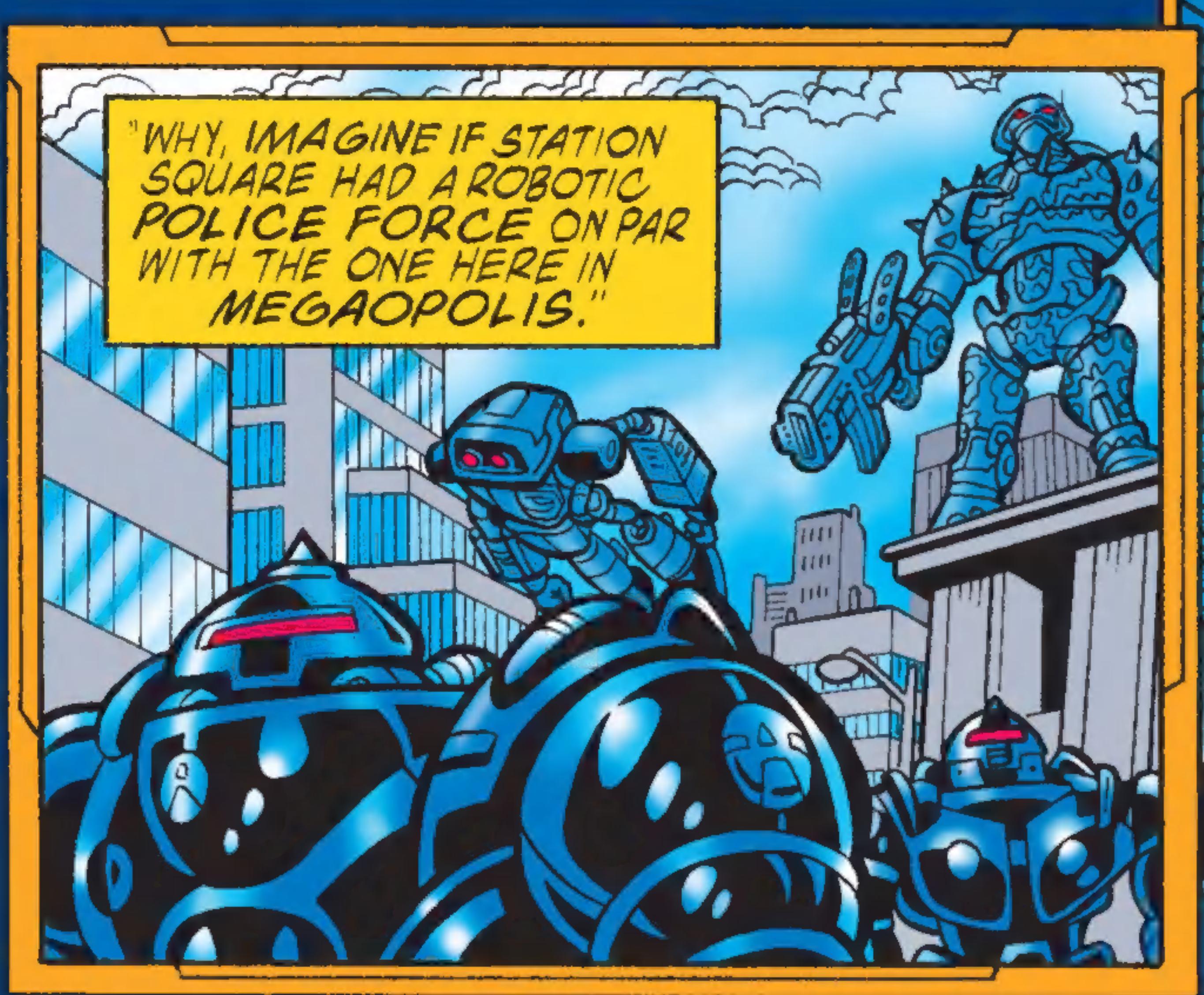




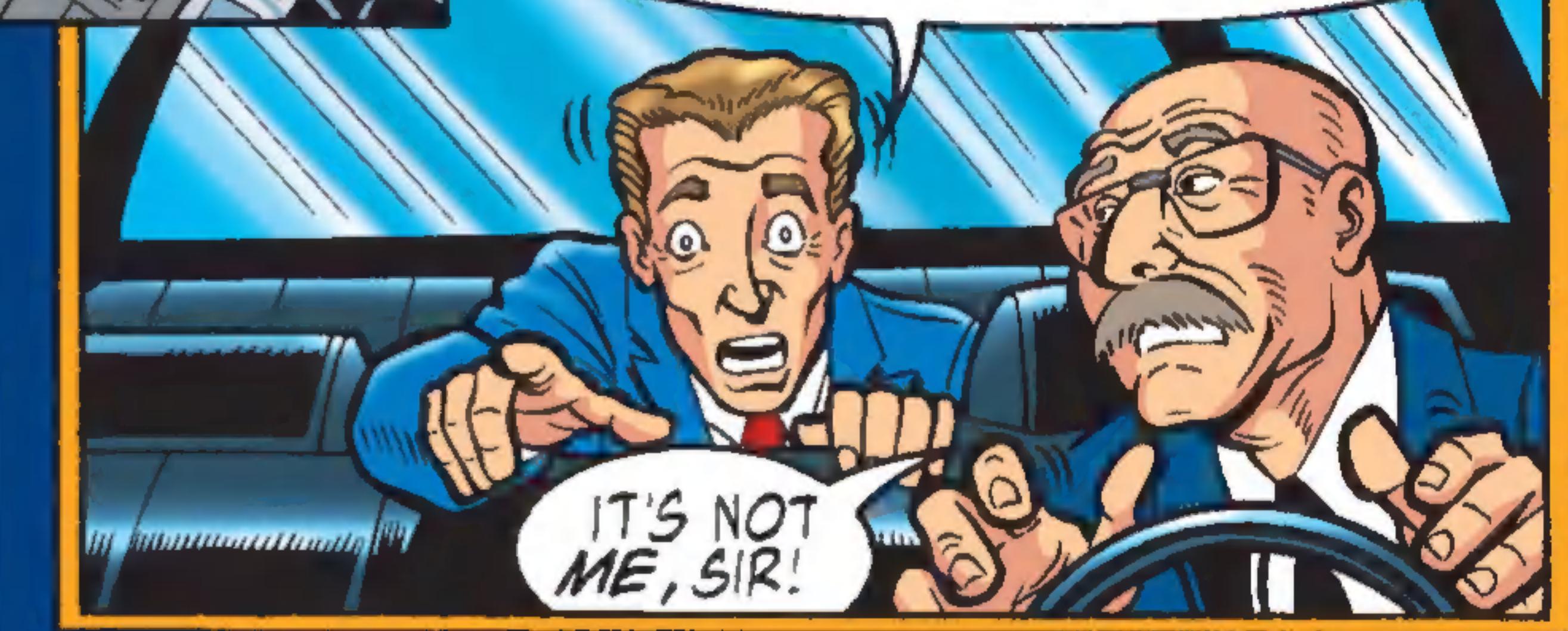
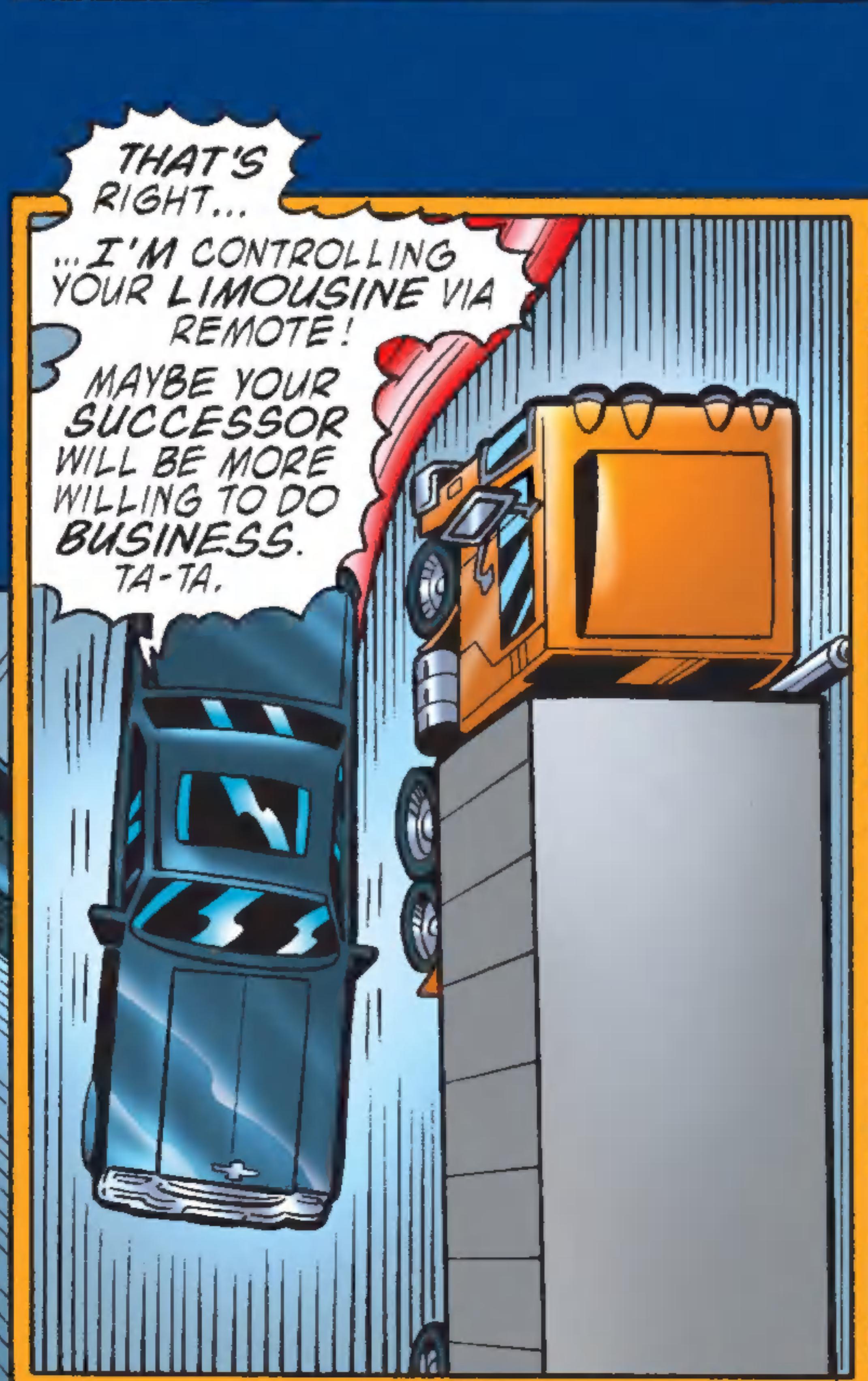


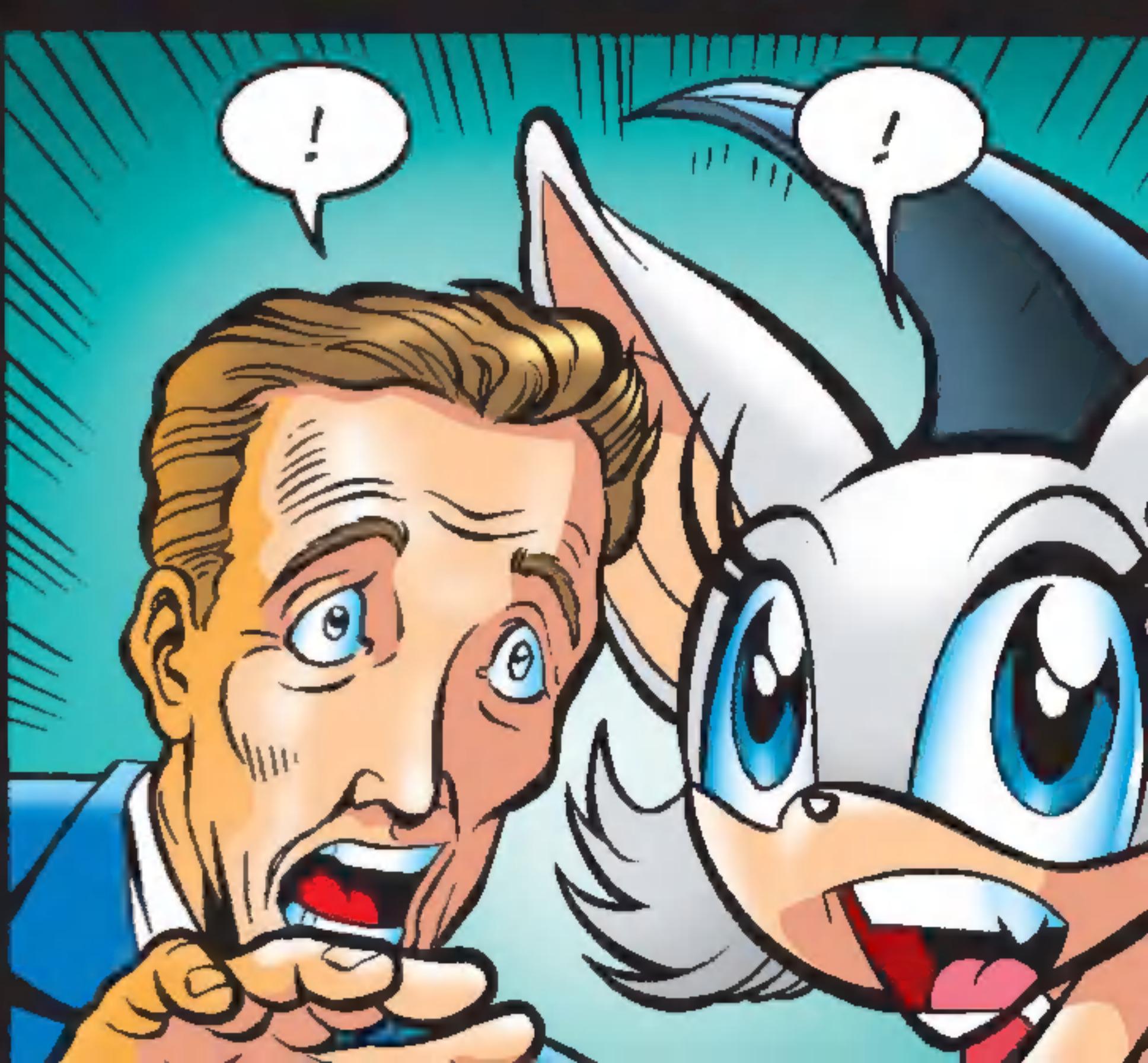
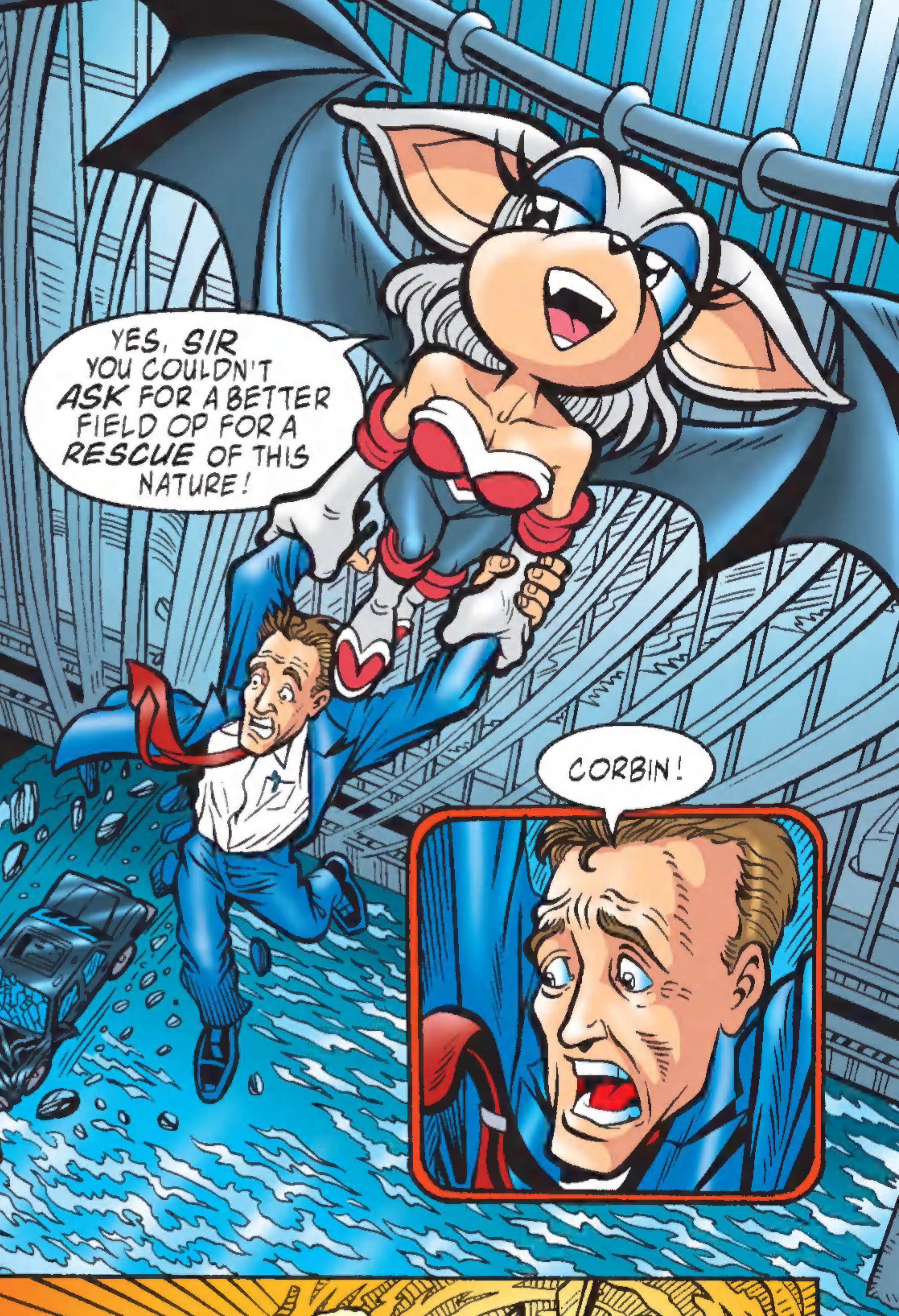
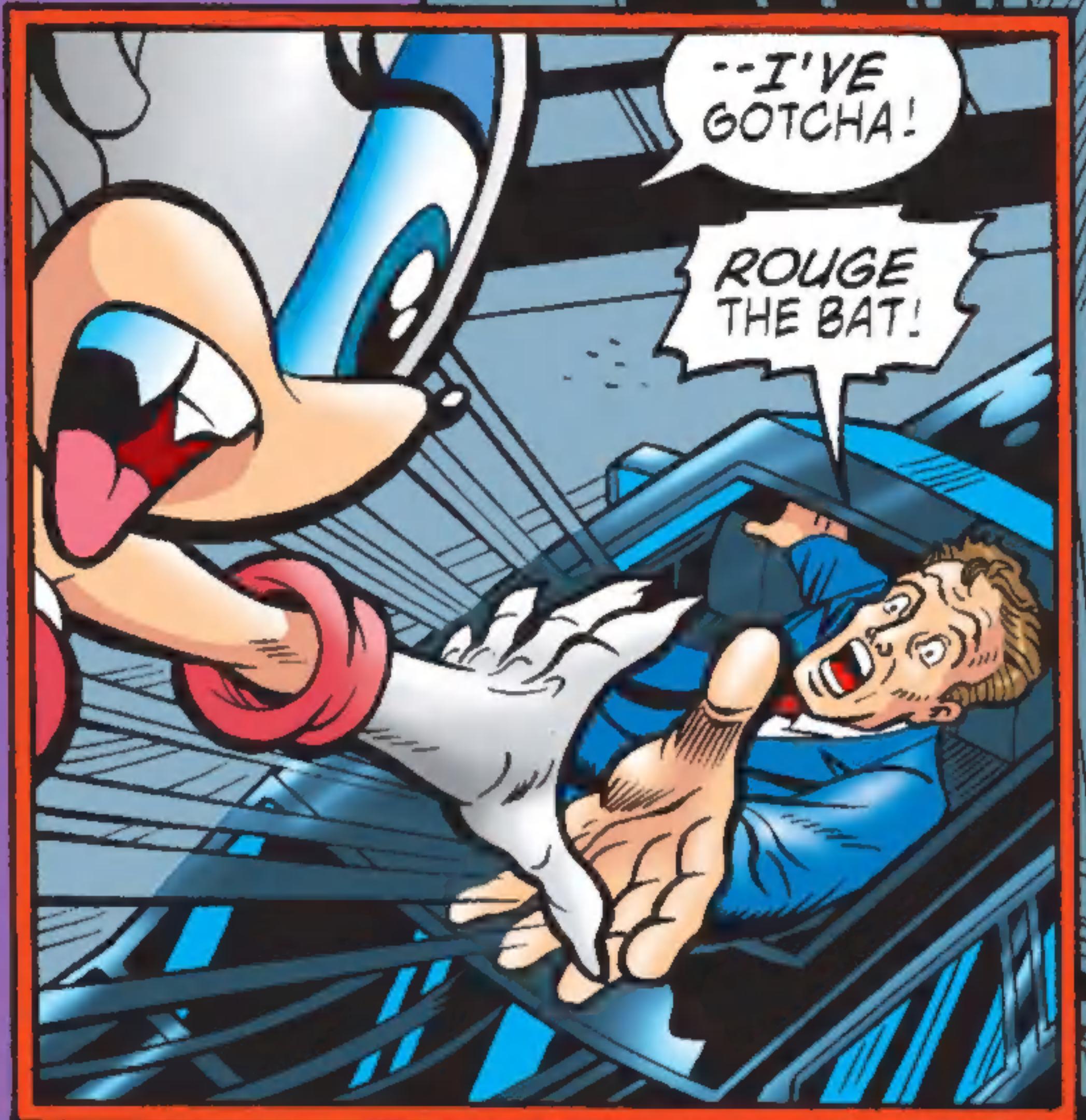






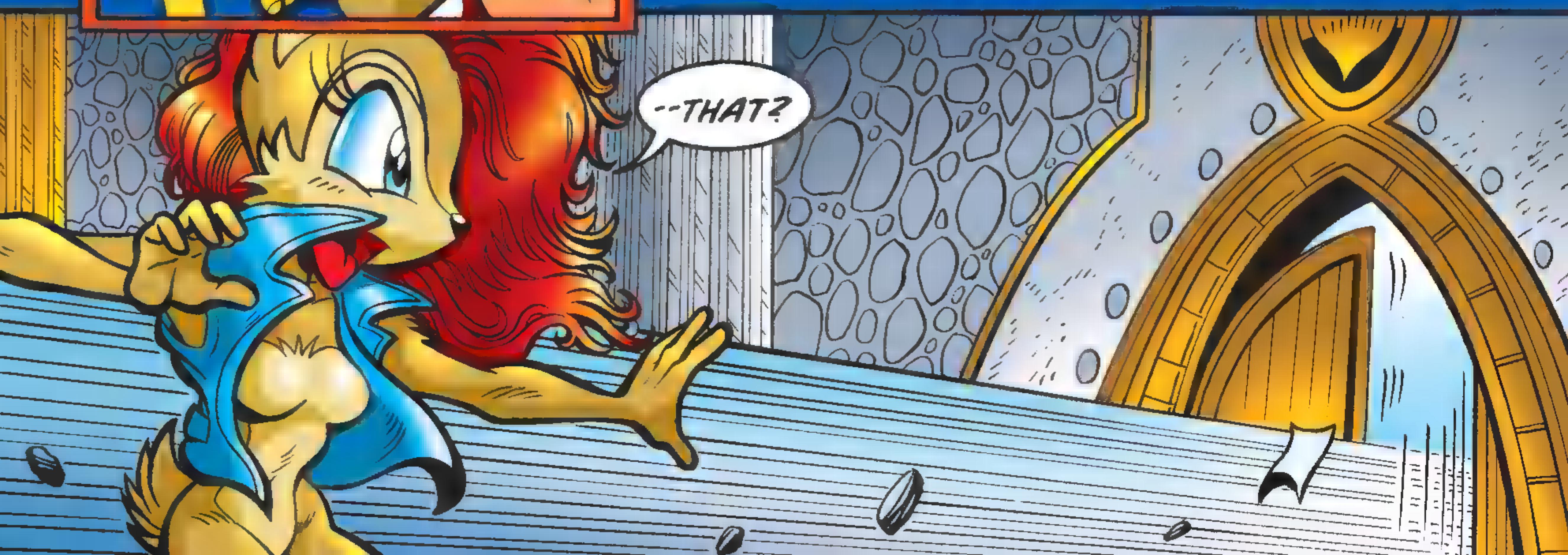
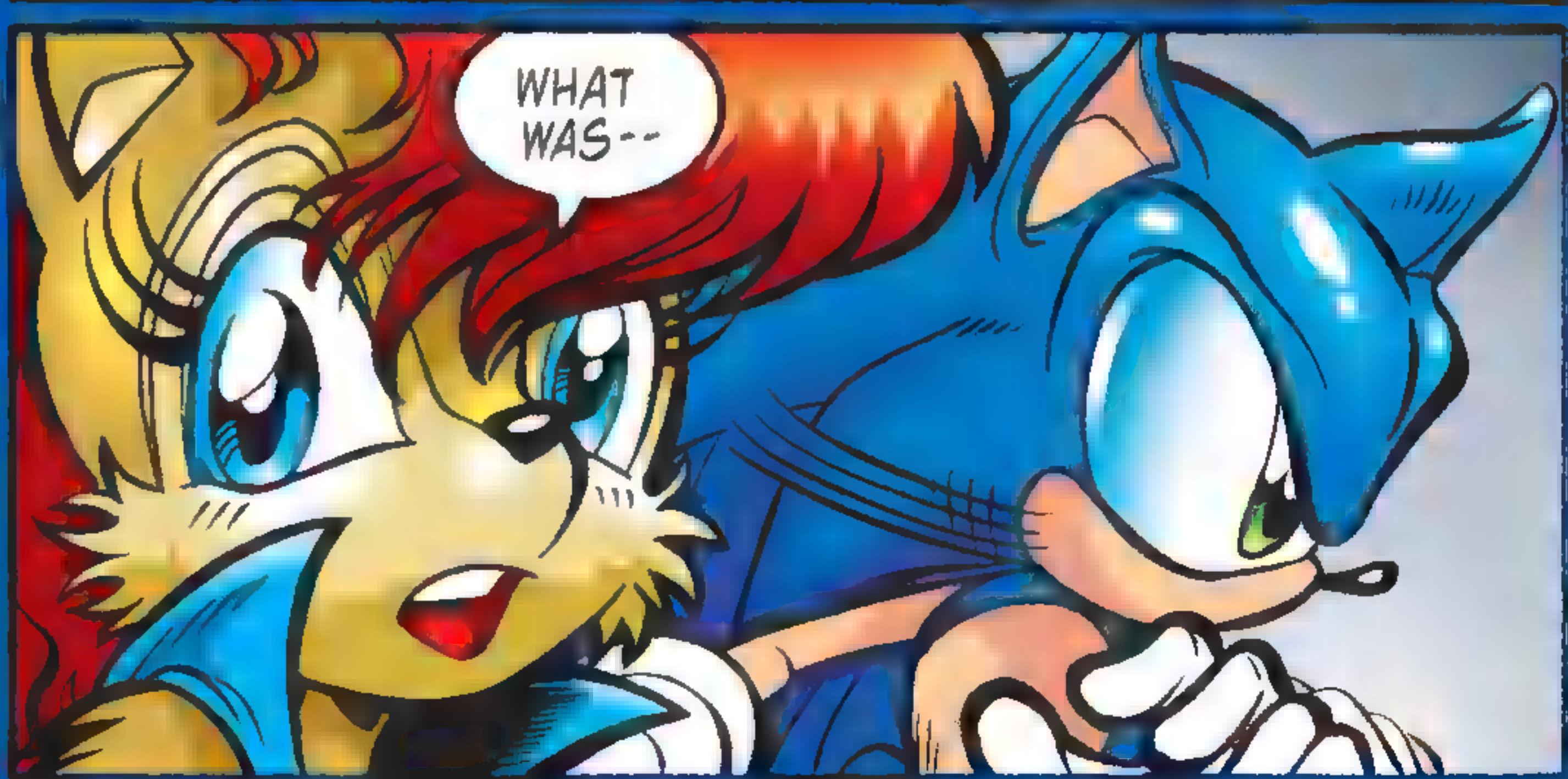
CORBIN, YOU'RE IN THE ONCOMING TRAFFIC LANE! WE'RE HEADED FOR THAT SEMI-TRUCK! MOVE!

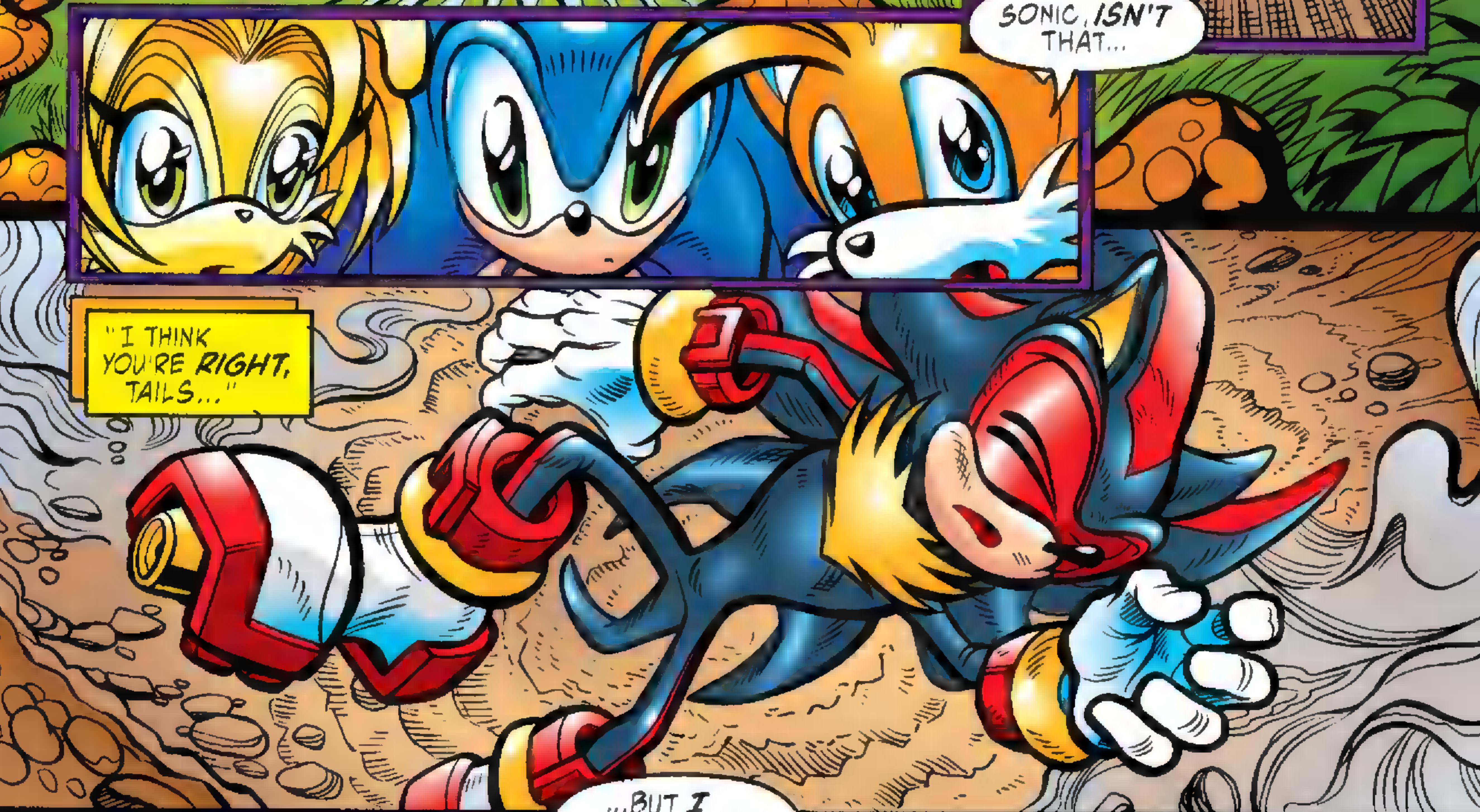
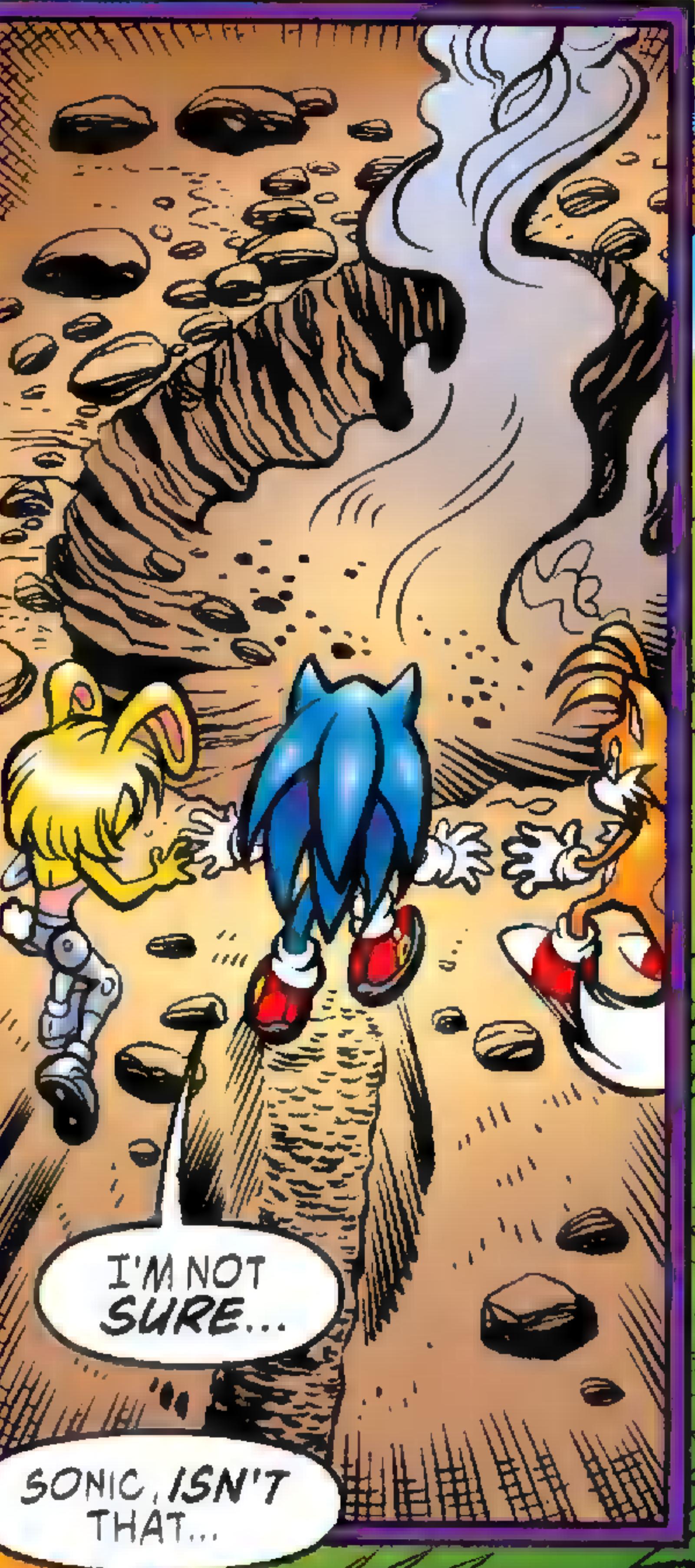


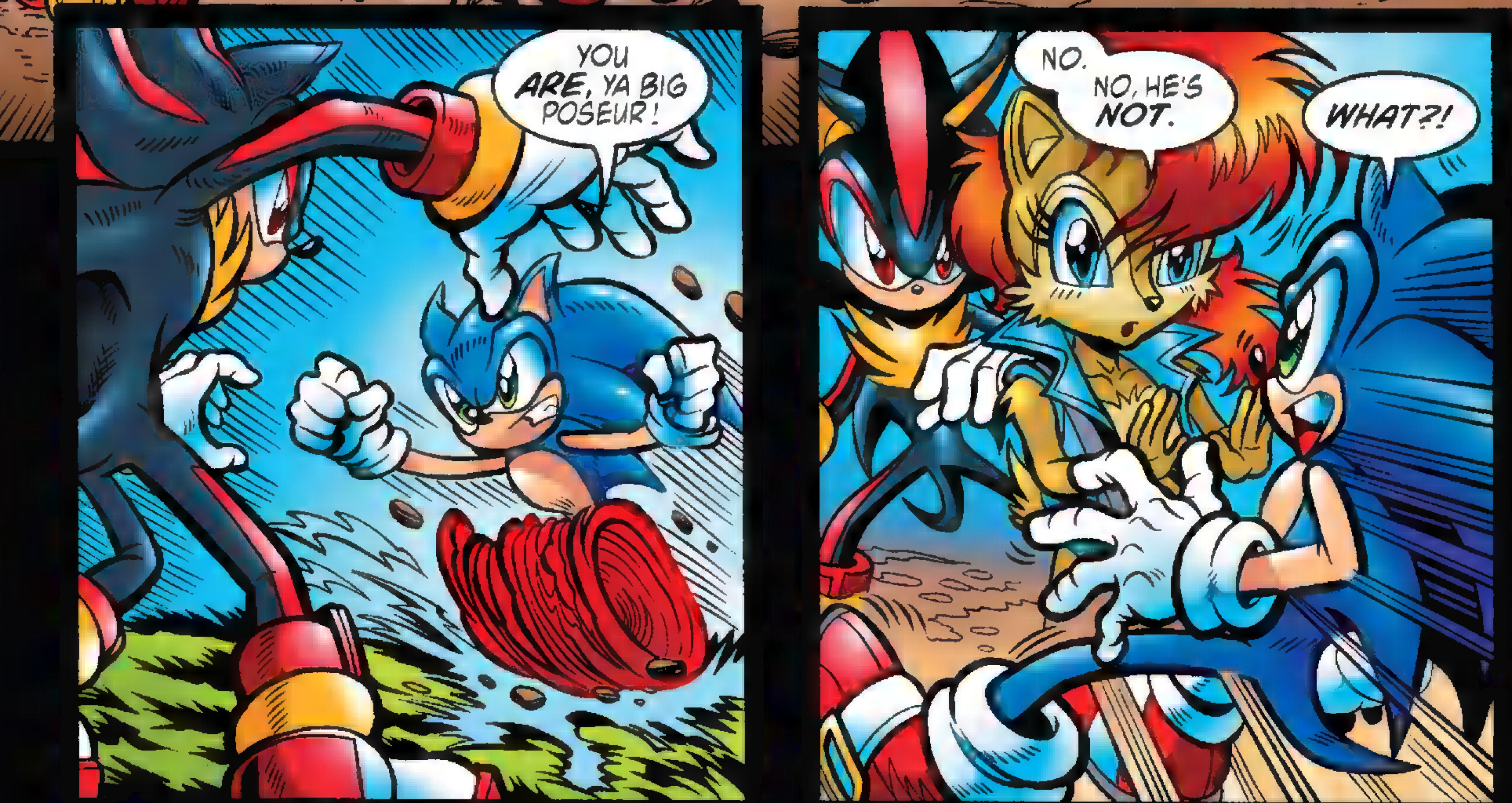
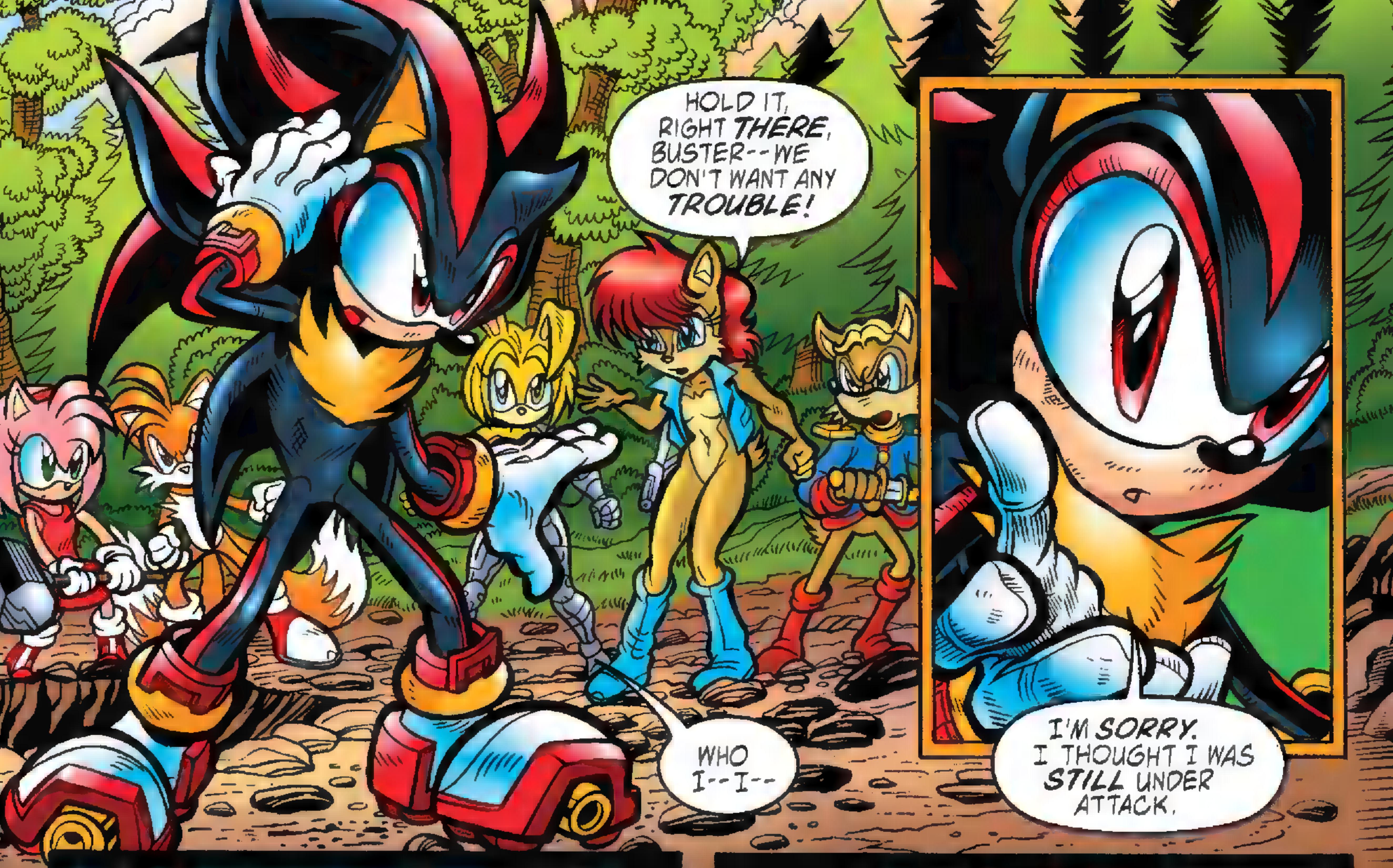




YOUR FATHER AND I CAN'T THINK OF ANYONE WE'D RATHER SEE YOU WITH, DARLING!







SOON...

IT DESCENDED FROM THE HEAVENS AND ATTACKED THE VERY HEART OF MY EMPIRE!

SOME KIND OF FLYING VESSEL. ITS TECHNOLOGY ON PAR WITH MY OWN!

"SCORES OF SHADOW-BOTS WERE INSTANTLY ANNIHILATED."

"POOR SNIVELY IS MISSING."

"MEGAOPOLIS LIES IN RUINS."

WHY SHOULD I BELIEVE ANYTHING YOU SAY? ALL YOU'VE EVER DONE IS TRY TO HURT ME AND MY KINGDOM.

DESPITE HIS PAST TREACHERY, I THINK THE EGGMAN SPEAKS THE TRUTH NOW.

I ENCOUNTERED THE VESSEL EARLIER.

Incoming HOLO-TRANSMIT from Station Square.

KNOTHOLE
:SQWWKKK: STATION
SQUARE :SQWWKKK:
ATTACKED :SQWWKKK:
PRESIDENT :SQWWKKK:
INJURED.

BUT IF
THIS IS ALL
TRUE...

...WHO ON MOBIUS
IS RESPONSIBLE?

THEN, SUDDENLY, AS IF
IN RESPONSE TO SONIC'S
QUESTION

--A TELEPATHIC
MESSAGE GOES
OUT ACROSS THE
FACE OF THE
GLOBE.

TO ANGEL
ISLAND.

TO DOWNUnda
CONTINENT.

THE KINGDOM
OF MERCIA.

THE GREAT
CANYON
RANGE.

EVERWHERE.
NO MIND IS LEFT
UNTOUCHED.

SENTIENT
INHABITANTS OF
PLANET
EARTH.

WE ARE THE XORDA.

OBSERVE.
THRICE MILLENNIA PAST.

"THE XORDA CAME TO THIS MUD-SPHERE TO OFFER AN ALLIANCE TO ITS HUMAN POPULACE.

"PEACE.

"AN EMISSARY WAS DISPATCHED TO THE SURFACE OF YOUR EARTH.

"BUT WAS INSTEAD CAPTURED.

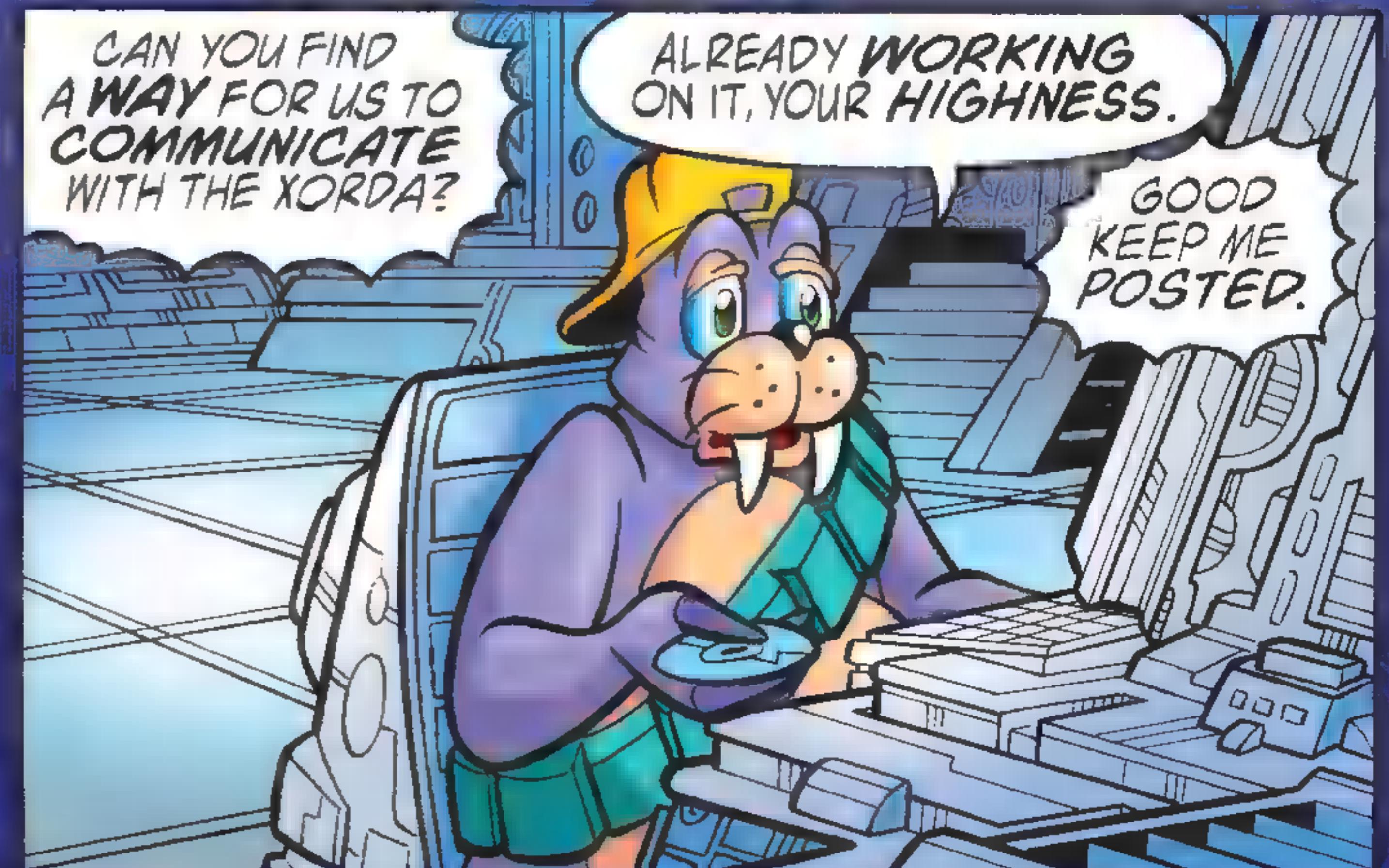
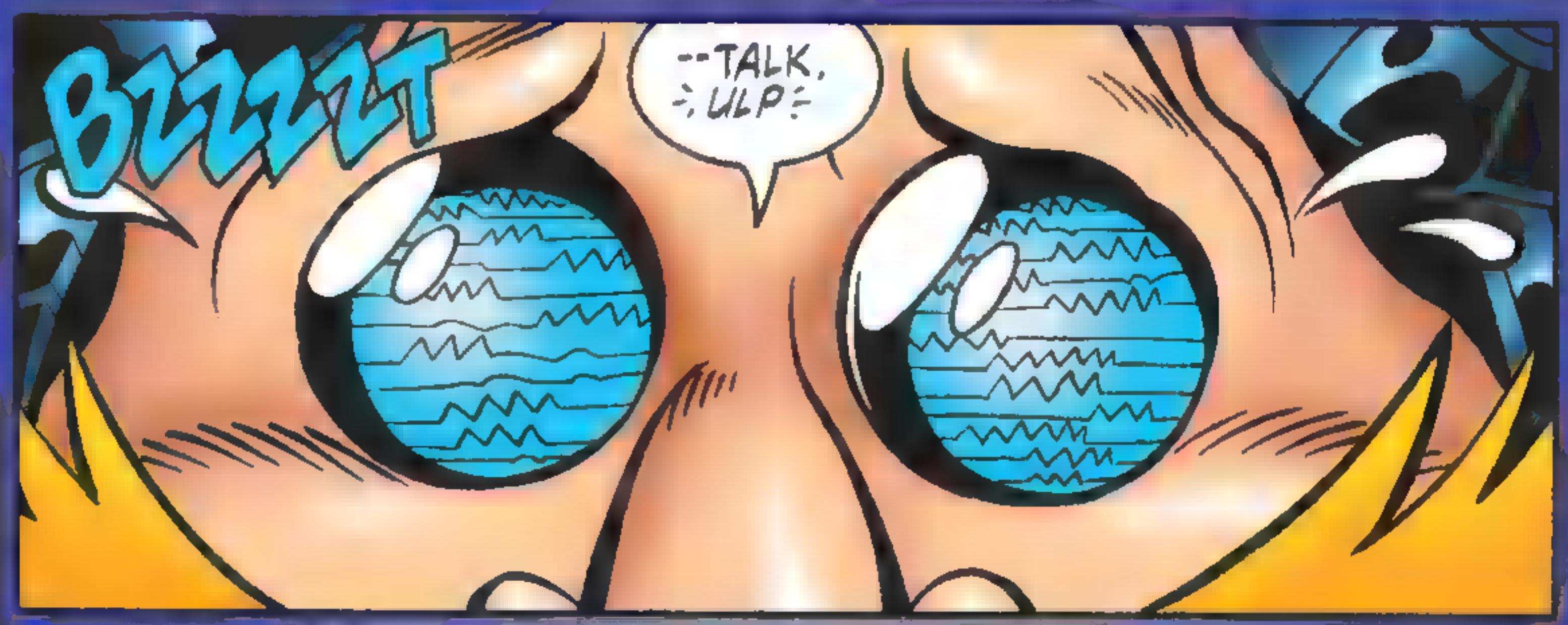
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
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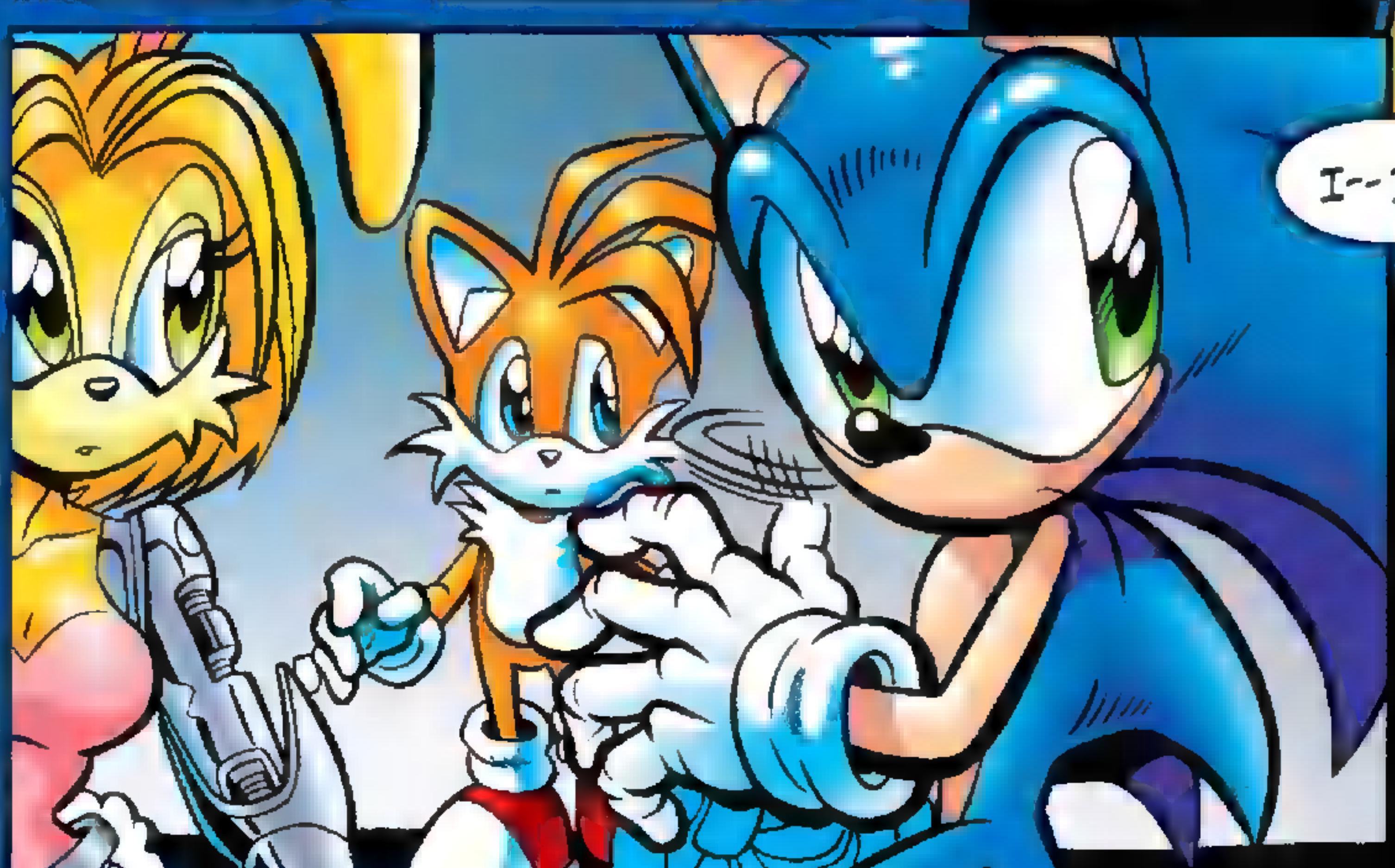
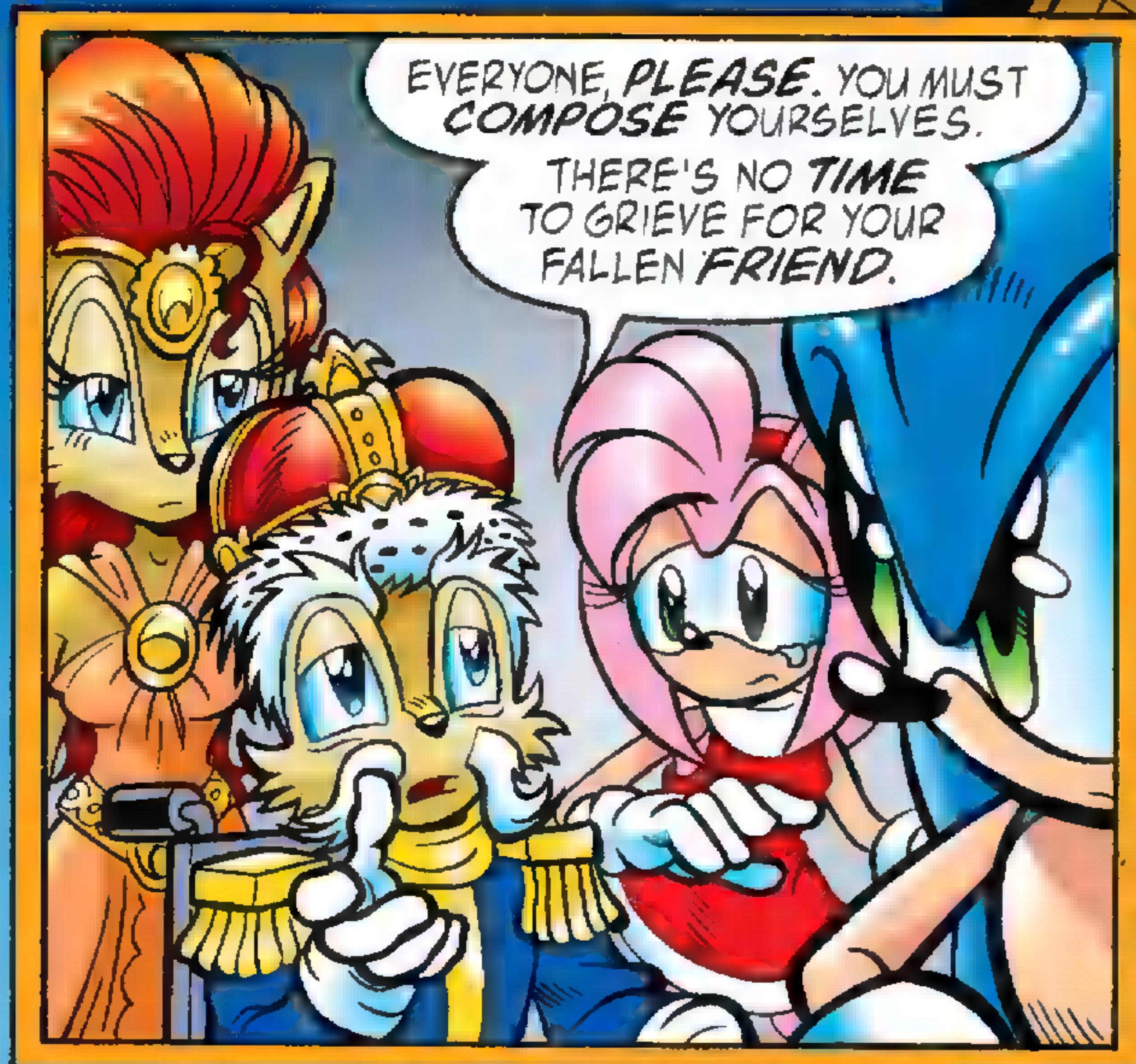
"THE XORDA REACTION--

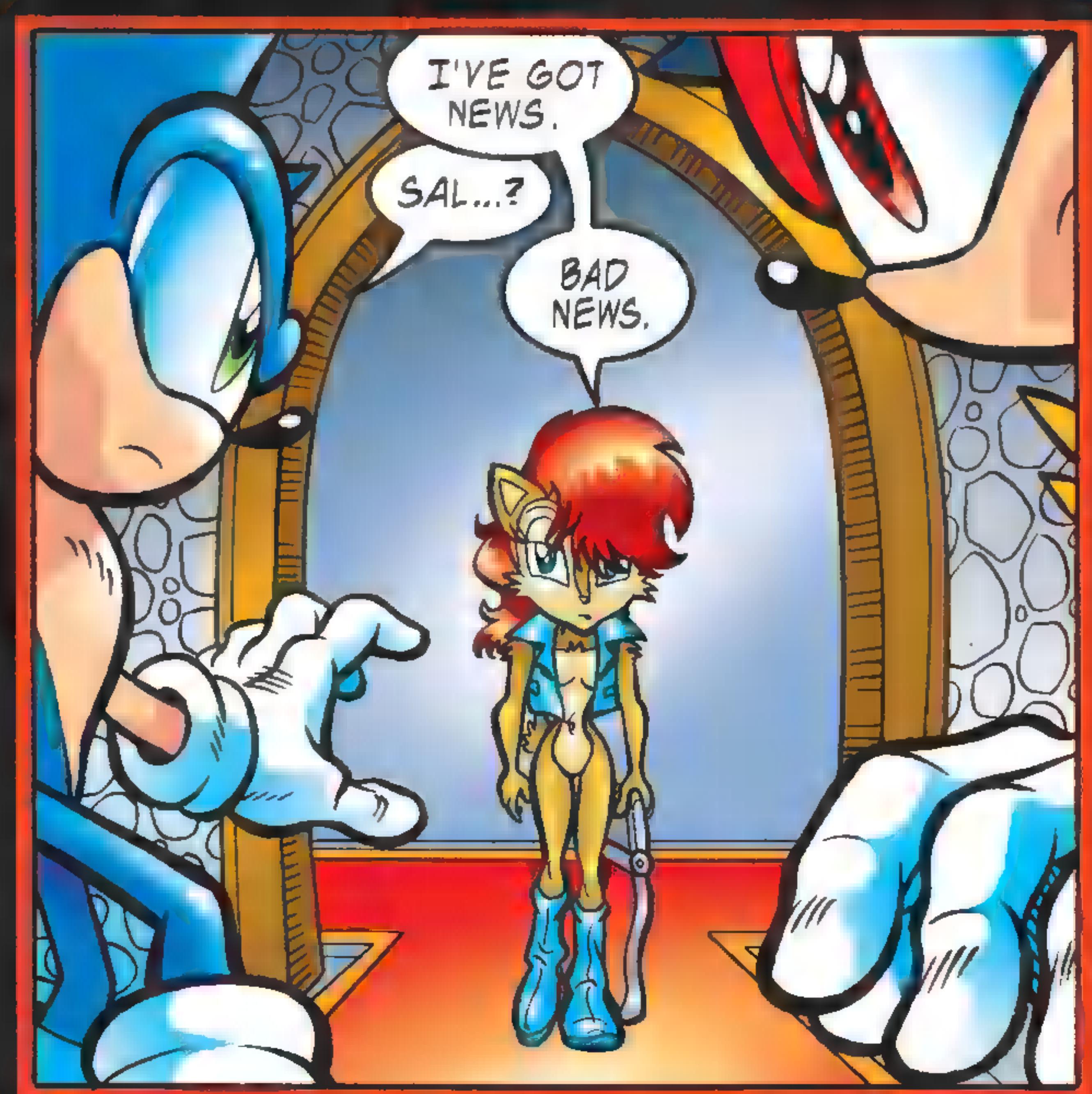
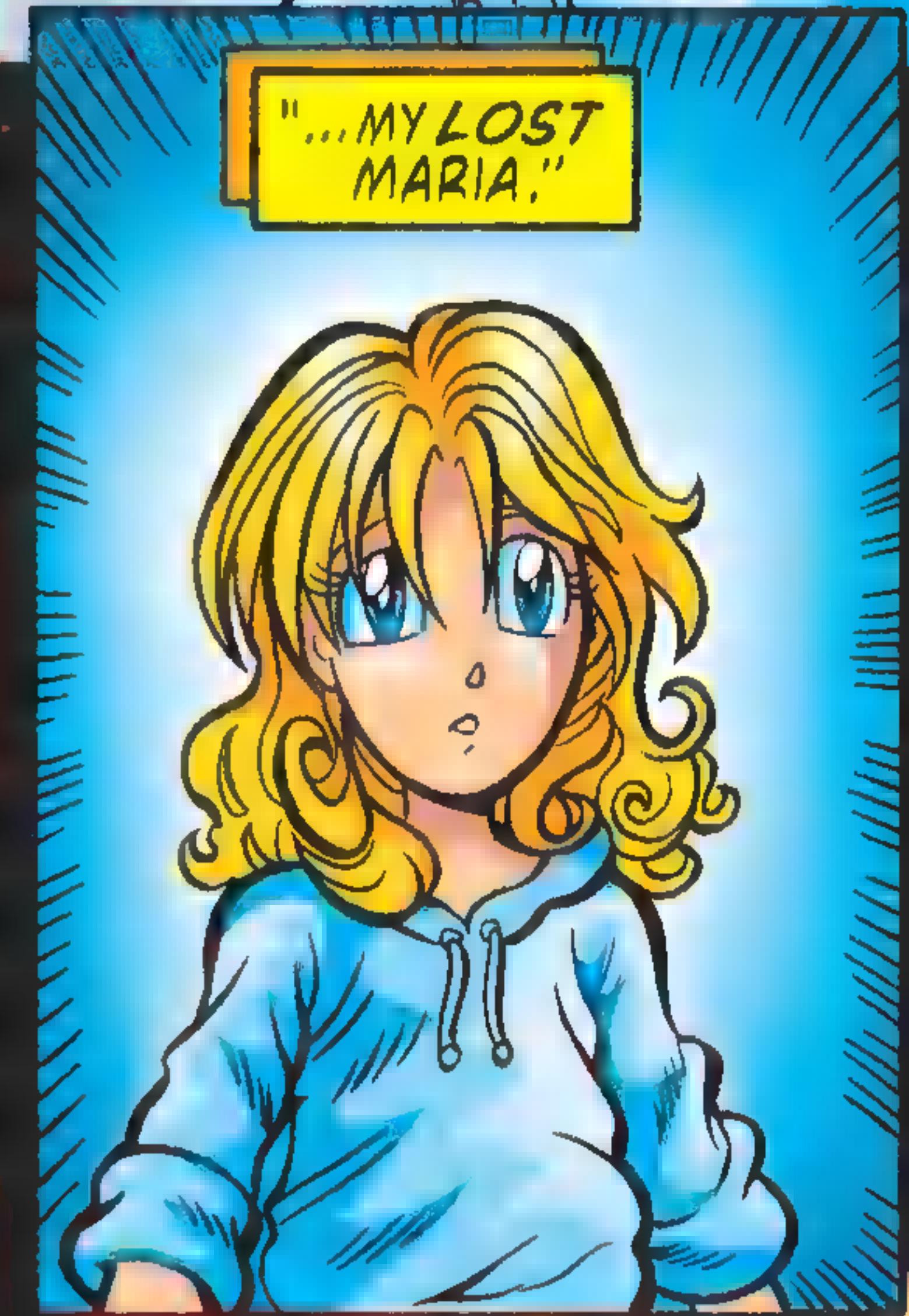
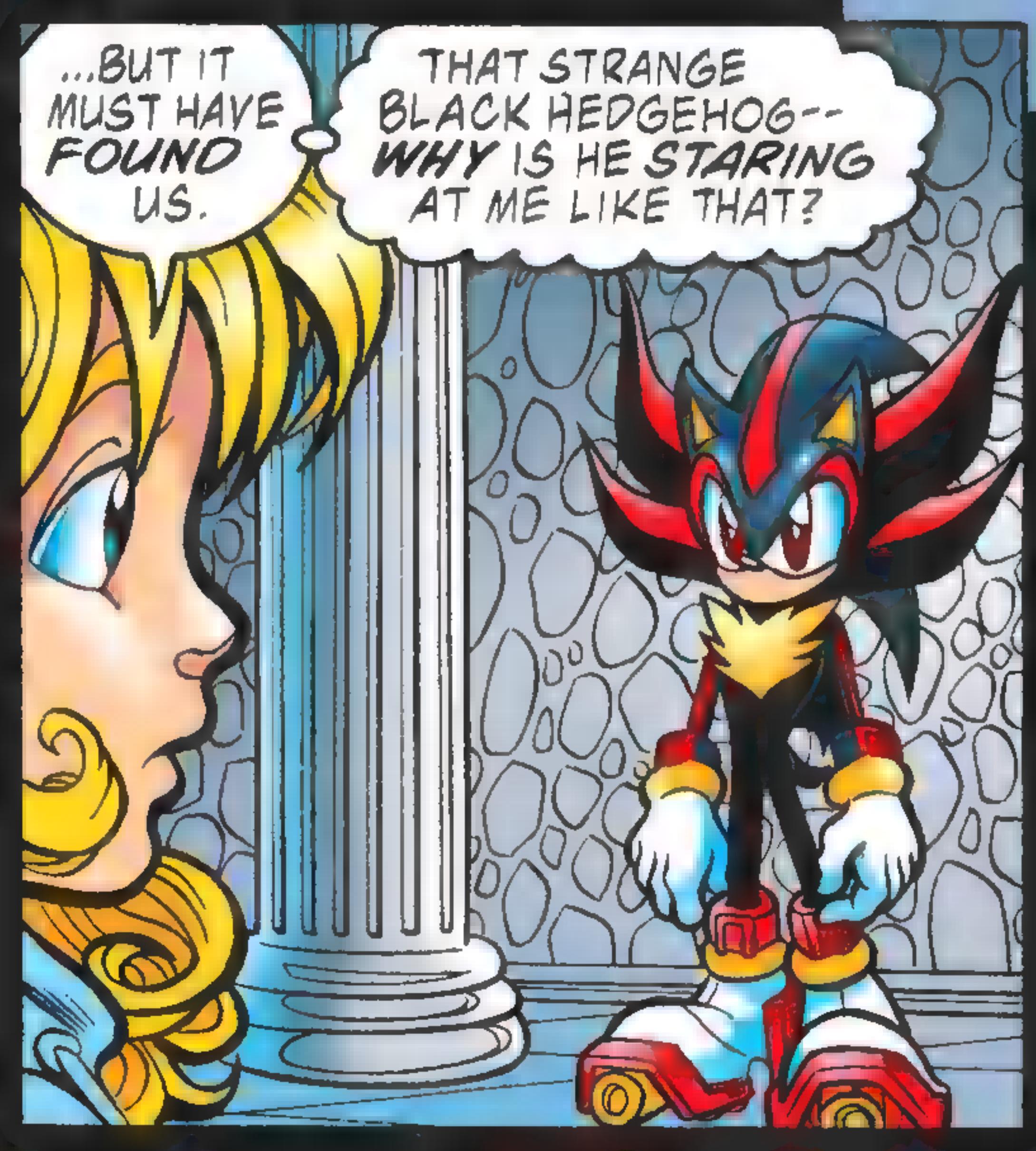
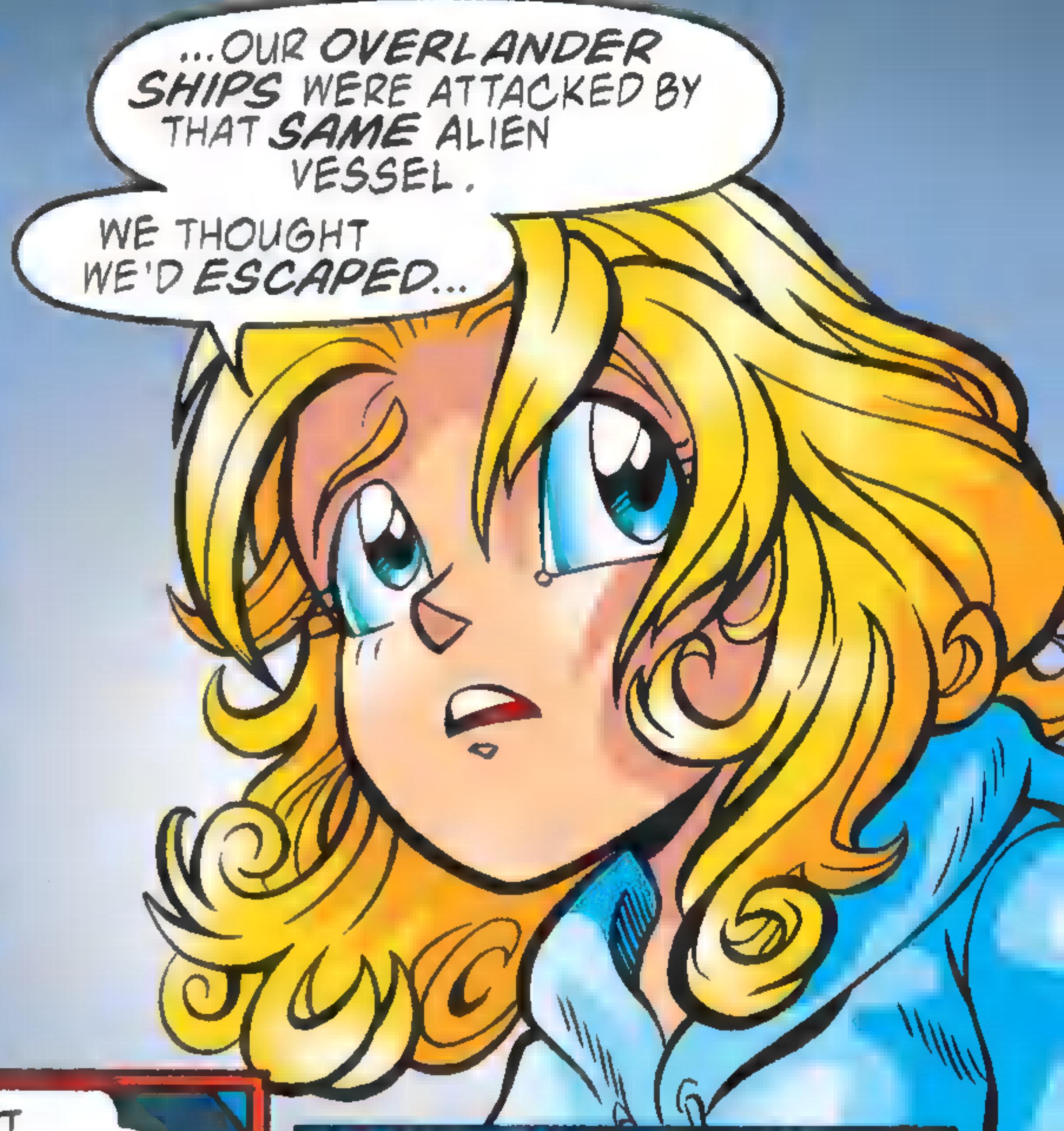
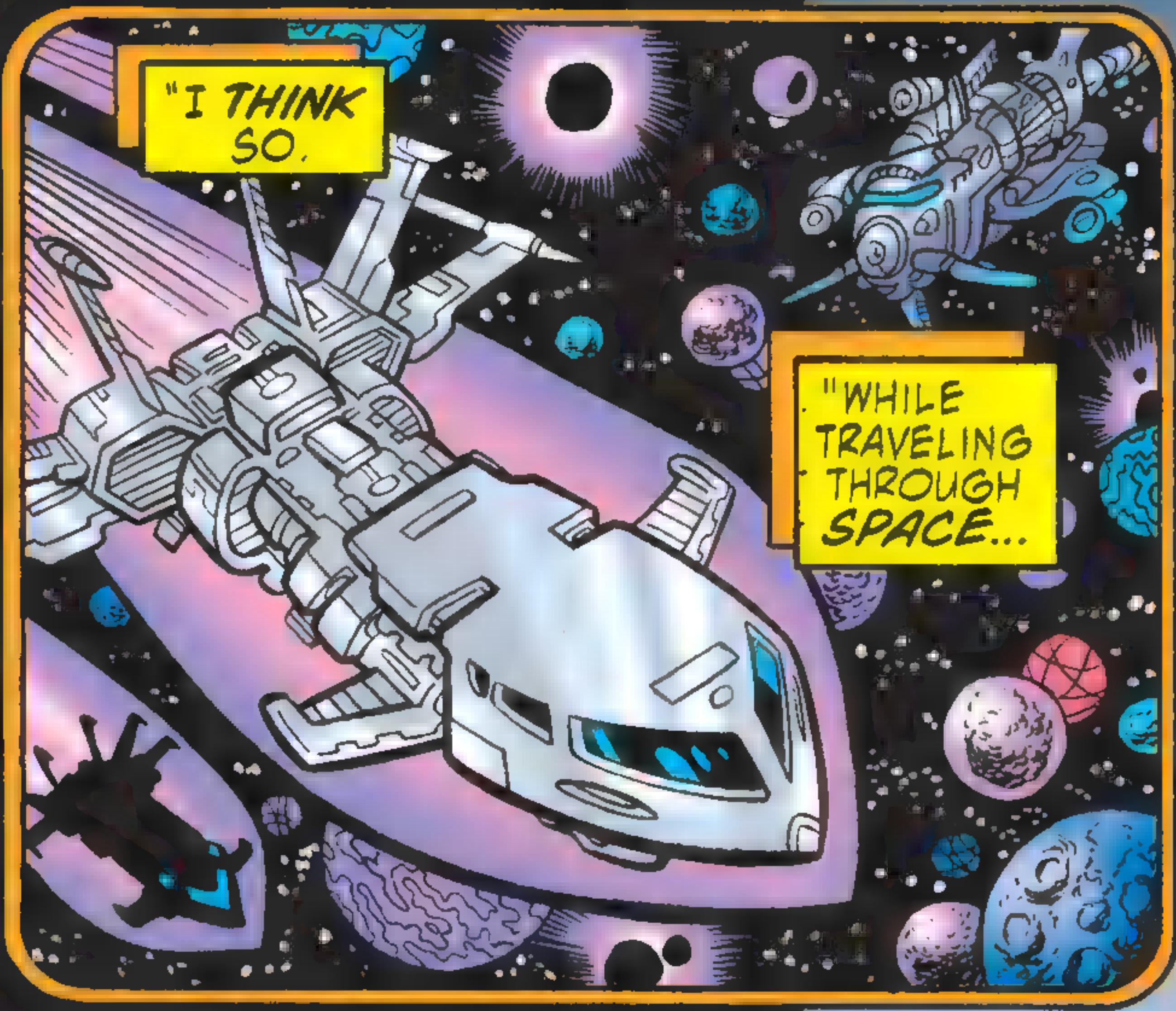
--WAS A STRONG ONE.

"THE XORDA THOUGHT THEIR GENE-BOMBS HAD EXTINGUISHED ALL LIFE HERE THAT DAY."









NEXT:
SONIC 2.5: MEGA ADVENTURE

KNUCKLES THE ECHIDNA

HAS DIED AND NOW STANDS BEFORE AURORA, AWAITING HIS FINAL FATE...

--SO WHAT'S WITH THE RERUN?

DOES IT END DIFFERENTLY THE SECOND TIME AROUND?

I ALREADY LIVED MY LIFE ONCE, AURORA--

AFTERLIFE

Part Four

ONLY YOU CAN DETERMINE THAT, KNUCKLES!

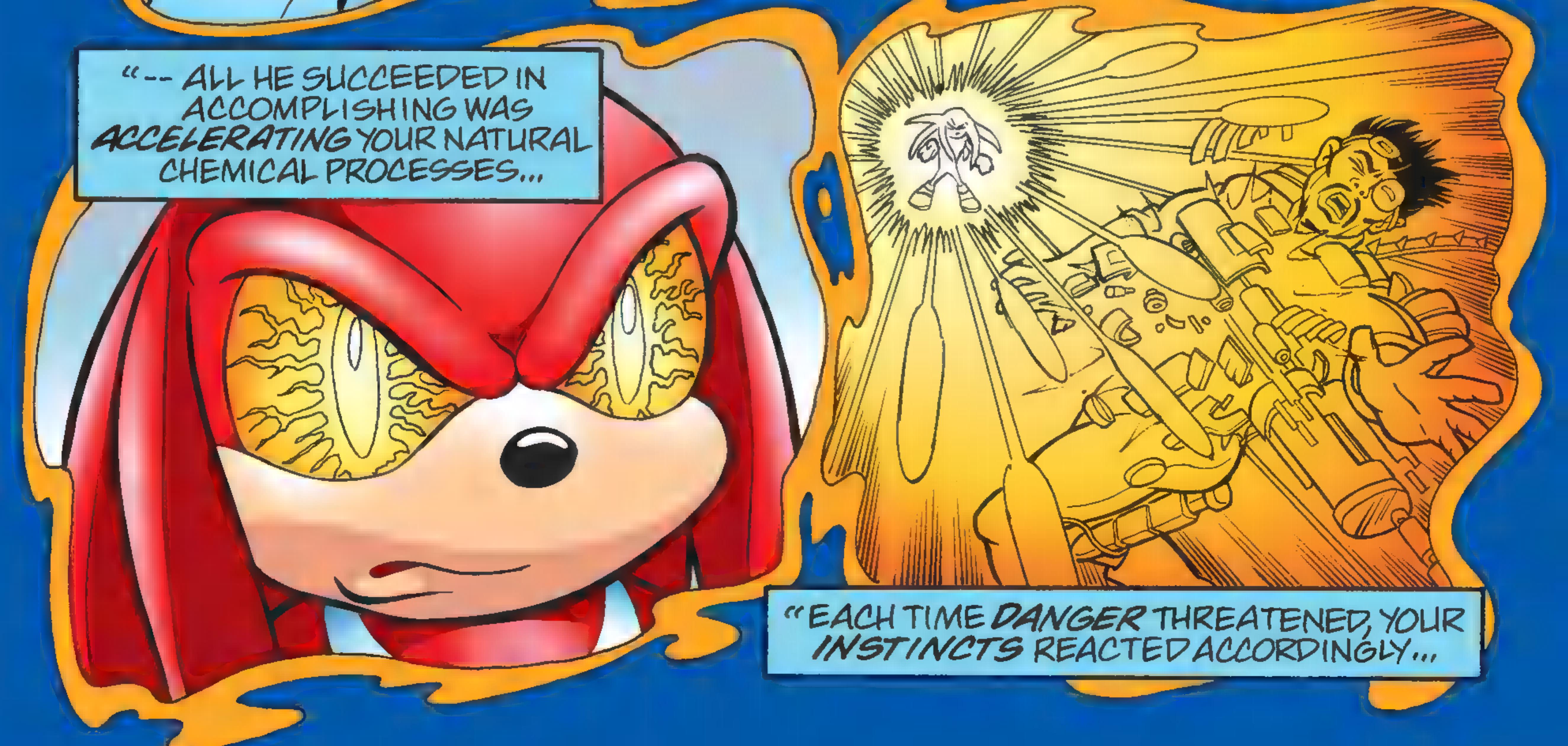
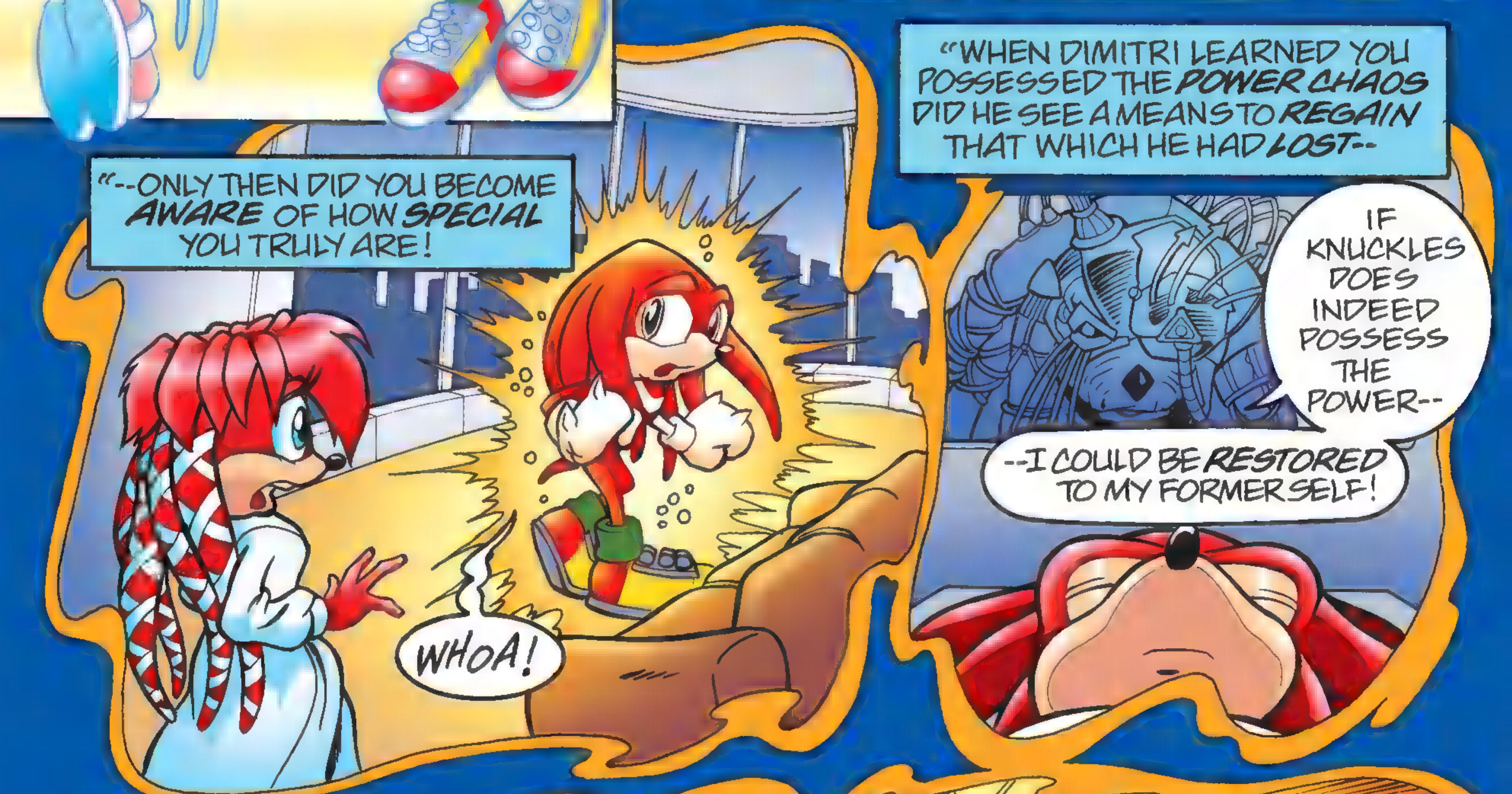
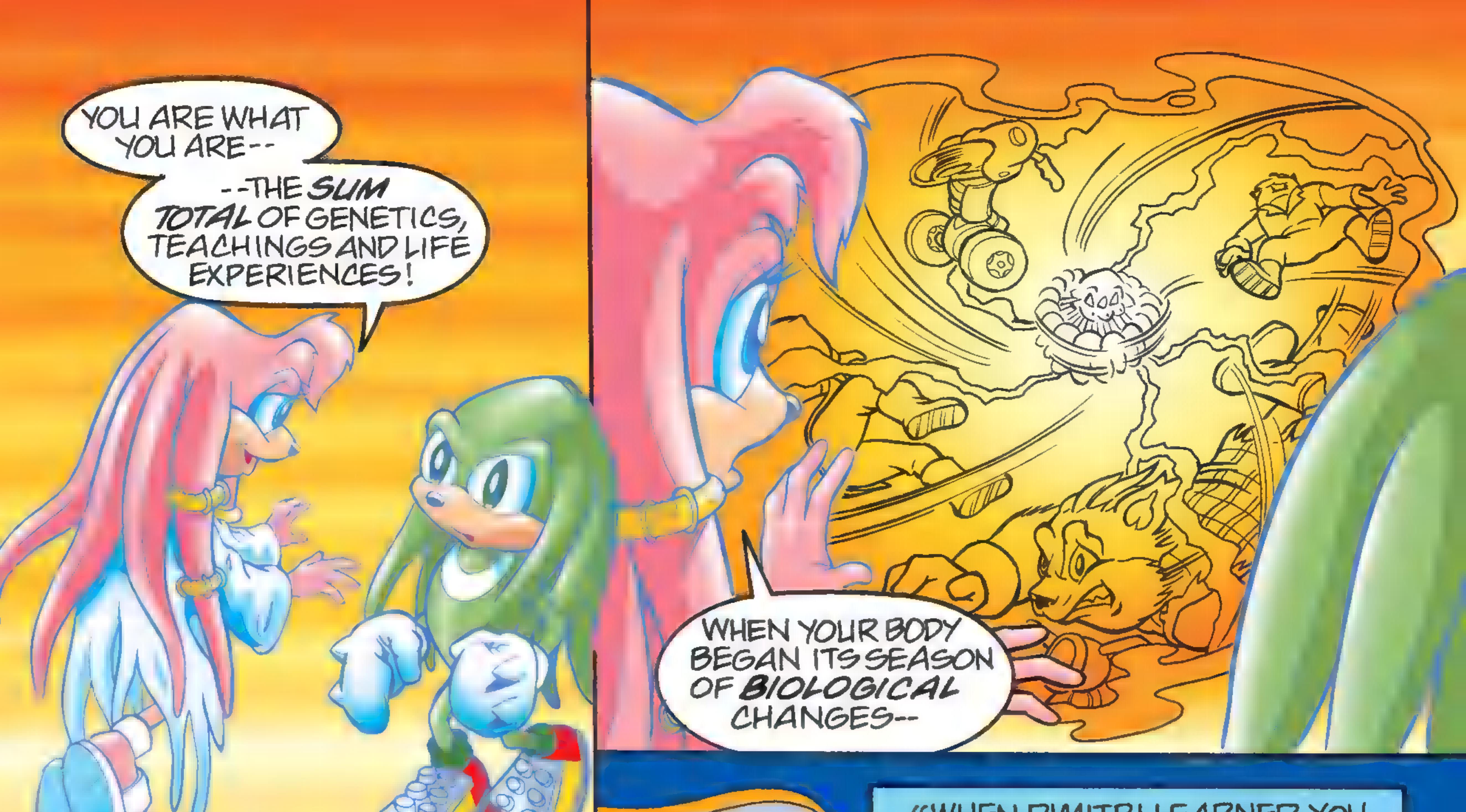
WHY DO YOU THINK YOU'RE HERE IN THE FIRST PLACE?

I DID WHAT I HAD TO!

I COULDN'T LET DIMITRI DIE!

COULD I?

IN WHICH THE FOLLOWING INDIVIDUALS
COMMEMORATE THE DEARLY DEPARTED--
KEN PENDERS - SCRIPT & INKS
ART MAWHINNEY - PENCILS
VICKIE WILLIAMS - LETTERER
J. JENSEN - COLORIST JUSTIN GABRIE - EDITOR
--IN RECALLING THE LIFE AND TIMES OF
SEGA'S EMBATTLED ECHIDNA!



"UNTIL FINALLY, YOU WERE PUSHED FAR ENOUGH TO REACH CRITICAL MASS, COMPLETING THE PROCESS."

FEELS WEIRD--
--LIKE I'M BURNING UP!

SO WHAT WENT WRONG?

JUST AS ECHIDNAOPOLIS WASN'T BUILT IN A DAY--

--SO, TOO, DID YOU NEED TIME TO BECOME ACCUSTOMED TO YOUR ABILITIES!

POWER TO RIVAL THE ANCIENT WALKERS IS NOT SOMETHING EASILY MASTERED!

IF I WAS--AM--WHATEVER--THAT POWERFUL--

--THEN HOW COME I DIED?

